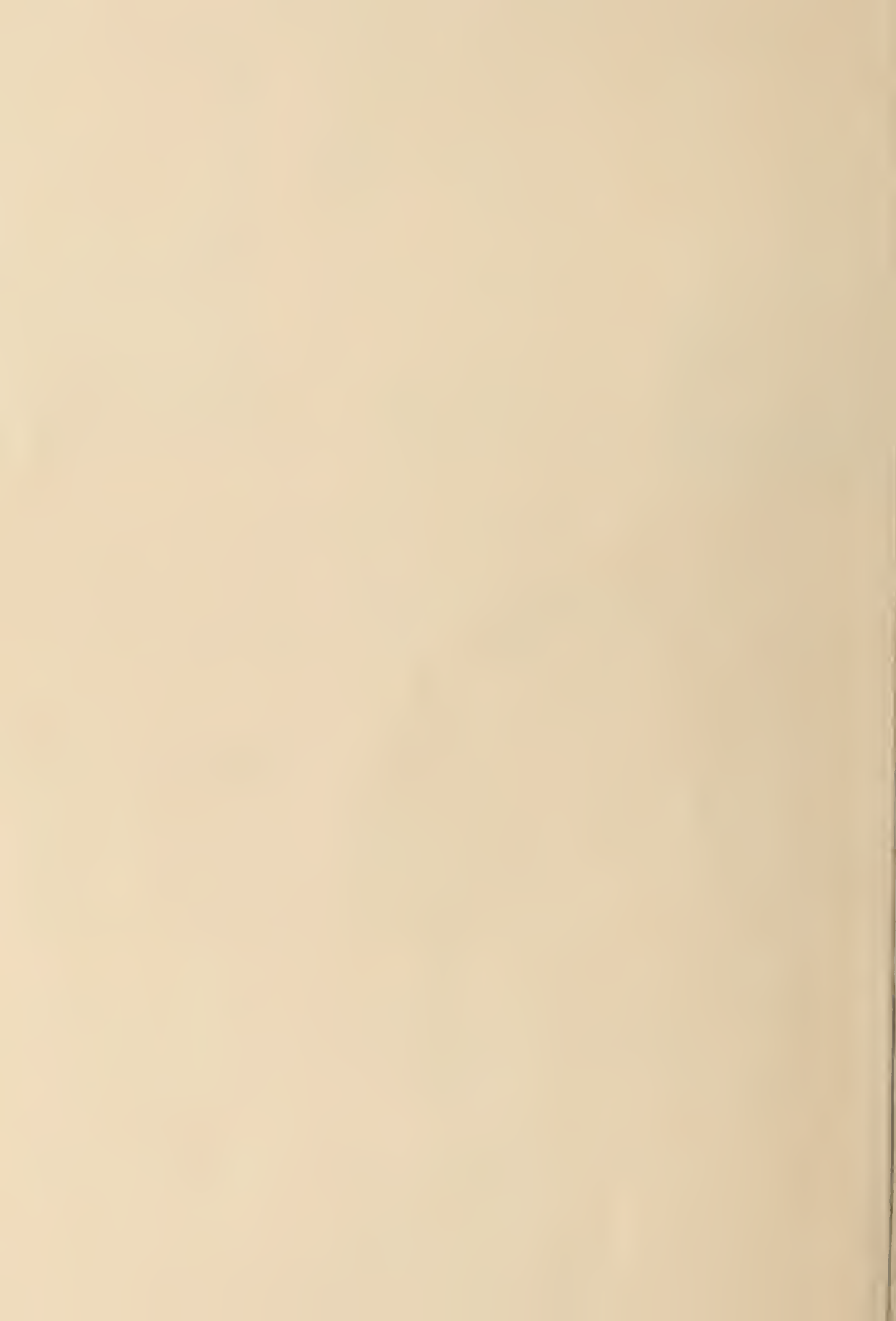
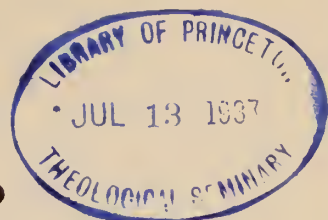




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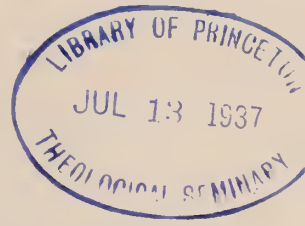
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Editorial of the Month



The New Stewardship

MANY today are sensing the very serious inadequacy of the interpretation of stewardship which has been given in this last generation. It was something like this: Hold yourself, your time and your money at the disposal of God—act as His steward. This was good as far as it went and yet we now see that it confused some of the real issues. The real issues are now coming to light.

Will my stewardship extend to the processes of production and accumulation? It is there that my life and attitudes strike deeply into other lives for good or ill. Will the love of God and man control me there and not merely after I have accumulated? If we can extend stewardship into the processes of production as well as in distribution after production, then we can have an adequate conception of stewardship.

This will probably make us consider whether in the processes of production we will not have to apply a co-operative attitude instead of a competitive one as now. For it is hard to think of the love of God operating within those processes as ruthless competition where the weakest go to the wall and the devil takes the hindmost.

Another question arises: Am I accumulating more than my share of things which God intends for all? We must face that question, too. If we apply stewardship clear from the lowest rung on up to the top, then it is adequate. It is the spirit that must come back into life. It puts God at the center of life. It puts an accountability in all we say and do and are. God becomes the working principle

and dynamic from which all our activities proceed. God is no longer marginal—He is focal and dynamic.

Accountability! This is the word that must come back into our vocabulary. It will make youth pause and ask, "What does God want to do with my life?" It will make the laborer pause and ask whether he is putting God into his labors. It will make the business man ask whether God is operative in the processes of his business. It will make the artist and the musician ask whether the art is for self's sake, for art's sake or for Christ's sake. It will make the minister feel the sense of degradation in preaching for applause and approval. It will make all who have possessions ask whether the expenditures we are about to make serve the interests of the Kingdom or not. And does the amount I have left represent selfish hoarding beyond my actual needs or does it represent the Kingdom in action? It will make us all feel the futility of carrying on conservations that have lost their meaning and purpose. It will make us all gather up our time and make it count for Kingdom ends. All life will be lifted out of the sordid into the sacred. A sense of mission will come back into life. We will have something—Someone around whom life organizes itself. This will give life drive and power and adequacy.

Accountability to God must come back into life if life is going to count for anything.

E. STANLEY JONES,
in the Federal Council Bulletin.



The Safest Way

When sending money for new or renewal subscriptions, the safest way is to send a check or money order for the amount. In a number of instances during the past few years, letters enclosing cash have not reached our office. Checks and money orders can be traced, but cash cannot. You will do yourself a favor, as well as us, by using the safest way.

THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS.

The Quiet Hour

JULIA HALL BARTHOLOMEW

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

—I COR. 15: 58.

The saints are our inheritance, and the lyrics of all the poets sing and dance, in their measure, in the humblest heart. They play upon our hearts as the bow upon the violin.

—JOSEPH FORT NEWTON.

We cannot afford to leave Jesus out of our lives. It's a one-sided life, regardless of our many attainments, if He is set aside. Our social and intellectual life will be far under par without the assistance of the One who understands the social order and whose mind was the keenest of all minds.

—HENRY J. WESTERMEYER.

Wise men have always recognized their own ignorance and finiteness and have been content to stand in silence and in reverence before Him.

—ROBERT A. MILLIKAN.

Dear Heavenly Father, it is well,
Of Beauty Thou art King;
That all the fairest things of earth
To Thee allegiance bring.

—GLADYS RONDINELLA.

Envy and self-pity are the companions of shame. The three of them go hand in hand, and they are deadly to human happiness.

—RAYMOND LESLIE GOLDMAN.

Real personalities always have the kind of faith that produces courage. . . . Faith is not credulity. It is creative power. It is vision plus valor.

—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.

"Many have forgotten that work is one of the most mystic and spiritual blessings of life, and idleness always has been the 'devil's work-shop.'"

The proof of Christianity awaits final demonstration. It can never be achieved by reference to any historical record, however sacred, or by any dogmatic declaration, however infallible, but only by lives that reveal the spirit, the wisdom, and the purpose of its divine Founder.

—J. A. MACCALLUM.

The industrial worker, the professional man, the farmer, the millionaire and the pauper, all have the same need of the grace of God and the Saviour's sacrifice. For this reason we build churches, simple or grand, according to our means.

—W. BAUR.

Less fortunate nations will envy our joyous Mondays, and we ourselves shall point to them as a step nearer the yet more bountiful life that inflames the imagination of Americans.

—HENRY MORTON ROBINSON.

This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

—MALTBE D. BABCOCK.

"Life and struggle are co-existent and inseparable. If we do not believe that we can find happiness in struggle, we are doomed to misery."

"Faith and love are still the most important factors in the making and moulding of character in our homes."

We have a system which has destroyed the joy of work. When you spend long hours at work you enjoy, you have neither the time nor the inclination to go hunting false excitement.

—BOAKE CARTER.

"Beautiful and good,
The music of the coming of the friend,
Of the unspoken word, the unbroken silence
That lies like a warm blessing
On the heart."

Care and worry disturb the inner harmony of life. They prevent us from attaining tranquillity of spirit. How expressive is that word anxious when we trace its etymology. To throttle, to murder were its earliest meanings, indicating the power it had over men's hearts.

—J. NEWTON DAVIES.

The Prayer

RESTORE us, who have stooped to the wickedness of the world, from the horror of our fallen estate, and re-establish us in the dignity of Thy race and the security of Thy heavenly abode, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—HERMAN J. NAFTZINGER.

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OUR MOTTO: *The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member*

A Modern Call to Heroic Service

By MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Excerpts from a message prepared by China's foremost Christian woman leader for the meeting of the National Christian Council of China held at Shanghai in May, 1937

ONE thing that society asks of the Church is that it shall show men how to meet the pressing problems of their day. In the midst of a poisoned social atmosphere a strong religious faith should act not merely as a gas mask to protect its wearer, but it should also be as a cleansing breeze that gradually changes and purifies the dwelling places of men.

The whole of the Chinese nation is on the march. The Church must march with it. Beacon after beacon is being lighted across the country, warning the people that they must arise to attack the strongly entrenched social evils of our day, and to help usher in the new order of things. The bugle call of the New Life Movement is sounding clearly in the dawn of China's new day.

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In the summer of 1933 I received an invitation to join a discussion group at Kuling on the subject of Christians and communism. At that time I found Christians willing to discuss these problems of livelihood in a rather academic way, and I became convinced that somehow we should be more practical in the application of our faith. The National Christian Council later co-operated with the Government in organizing eleven rural experiment centers in Kiangsi where young men and women from Christian and other colleges might take the lead in studying and trying to solve some of the most pressing needs of the farmers. It has been a source of great satisfaction to the Generalissimo and myself that the Church has united with us in the rehabilitation of recovered communist areas. We hope this is merely a beginning in this great field of improving the life of the people.

Perhaps one reason why the Church has been slow to engage in this work of rural reconstruction is on account of the hardships involved. At such a time as this we should honestly face the fact that we have not accus-

tomed ourselves to enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. In this we are weak. In the words of the Prophet, "We are at ease in Zion."

As my husband and I have traveled over many provinces we have met devoted missionaries, living far away in the interior, bringing new life to the communities that they touch. We have been astonished at the absence of talented modern-educated Chinese men and women, either supporting these heroic missionaries, or carrying on similar activities in like needy areas. Is it possible that modern trained Chinese Christians lack the stuff of which missionaries are made? Are we in the position of accepting all the benefits of the Christian faith without caring to accept its responsibilities and the hardships?

At the very heart of our faith is hardship, endurance, suffering—a cross. Without them there cannot be any Christian faith. I have frequently heard the Generalissimo remark that Christ, as a young man, willingly gave up His life for the cause, and that we shall not be able to solve our own great problems until more of us are ready to do likewise. That is why he feels that Christianity is a revolutionary faith, and that every man of faith, in such a world as ours, should be a revolutionary.

If my observations are correct, and you care to accept my suggestion, I think this is the time and place to go into the question as to whether or not we are ready to endure all that may be involved in being good soldiers of Jesus Christ, engaged not in some rear-guard action, but in the main battle of our day. In this age of grim necessity, when the utmost qualities of men and of nations are on trial, to have a robust Christian faith means that we will never give in. This age will be

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Mission Study Books and Materials

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THE themes around which mission study will center during the coming year are "The Church in Rural America" and "The Moslem World."

The Missionary Education Movement is the interdenominational agency which assumes responsibility for the preparation and publication of the necessary books and supplemental materials and offers the following which will serve as media to guide the leaders of various age groups in the preparation of courses on these important subjects.

The Moslem World

For Adults: "What Is This Moslem World?" by Charles R. Watson. Dr. Watson, President of the American University at Cairo has written a stimulating book about Moslem life and thought. Cloth \$1.00, paper 60c. "Mecca and Beyond" by Edward M. and Rose W. Dodd, published jointly by the Movement and The Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions, is an interesting survey of each Moslem country with descriptions of Christian Mission work. This book is also recommended for older young people. Cloth \$1.00, paper 50c. Dr. T. H. P. Sailer has prepared the Course for leaders, "The Christian Approach to Moslems," 25c.

A unique compilation of articles and editorials translated from Moslem newspapers and journals in the Near East is entitled "Moslem Editors Say—" paper only, 25c. Other source materials may be obtained from "The Moslem Faces the Future," cloth 50c, paper 25c; "Young Islam on Trek," paper only, 25c, and "Voices from the Near East," board 50c, paper 25c.

For Young People: "Mecca and Beyond" (see above). This book is written in a popular style for reading. Herrick B. Young who compiled "Moslem Editors Say—" has also written a course, "Islam Awakes," paper 25c, for leaders of senior high school groups who will probably use "The Young Moslem Looks at Life" by Murray T. Titus, cloth \$1.00, paper 60c.

There will be another volume to add to your shelf of Fun and Festival books. In "Fun and Festival in Moslem Lands," paper 25c, Catherine Miller Balm provides suggestions for programs and socials.

For Intermediates: "Tales from Moslem Lands" is a new edition of a collection of adventure stories from the Moslem East. This

book appears in large format, well illustrated. Paper 50c. "Christian Adventures in Moslem Lands" by Winifred Hulbert will furnish guidance for intermediate groups. Paper 25c.

For Elementary grades: "Doorways" by Mary Entwistle is a book of stories for juniors on life in Moslem Lands. This is another joint publication with the Central Committee. Cloth 75c, paper 50c.

For the elementary groups, the major emphasis is to be on Missions and World Peace, with the following source books: For Juniors, "Broken Guns." Some of the subjects discussed in this book are, Why We Have Wars, Better Ways Than Fighting. Illustrated, cloth \$1.00, paper 50c. For Primary boys and girls, the book is "Ship East—Ship West," Illustrated, cloth \$1.00, paper 50c. This first volume of a new series of source books for primary children introduces them to the subject of world peace through stories and simple facts.

For teen-age youth and for adult leaders in peace education who are looking for effective new stories, we recommend very highly "Victories of Peace." Cloth \$1.00, paper 50c.

For young people and adults, Harold E. Fey, a prominent leader in the international peace movement, has prepared a stimulating pamphlet for reading and group discussion under the title "World Peace and Christian Missions." Paper 35c.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on World Peace and a Primary Teacher's Guide on World Peace, contain procedures and activities for the respective groups studying this subject. Each are priced at 25c.

"The Christ of the Andes" is a sepia picture 12x14 inches, priced at 20c. "The Triumph of Goodwill," is a peace pageant with eight speaking parts, 16-40 minor parts, 35c. (Not sent on approval.)

The Church in Rural America

As a church we are tremendously interested in the rural situation in America. Such a large percentage of our churches are in rural America. Dr. Mark A. Dawber is a leader in rural church work and has written a challenging book under the title "Rebuilding Rural America." Cloth \$1.00, paper 60c. The course for leaders, based primarily on Dr. Dawber's book is entitled "The Church

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Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, *Editor*

Notes

STUDENT Stephen Dallos of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., is supplying the Hungarian congregation at Coatesville, Pa. He is the only Hungarian student in the Seminary at present.

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Summer Vacation Schools are being conducted in practically all of our Hungarian Churches. These schools are largely attended. The Hungarians were pioneers in this field of religious education and through these schools they are teaching their young people the essentials of the Christian faith.

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A conference of the Presidents of the four Hungarian Classes and other ministers and laymen was held in the Westside Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on May 28, when a number of Church questions were discussed. The Hungarian Churches are coming to a better understanding of the general program of the Church, and are responding by taking their full share of the apportionment.

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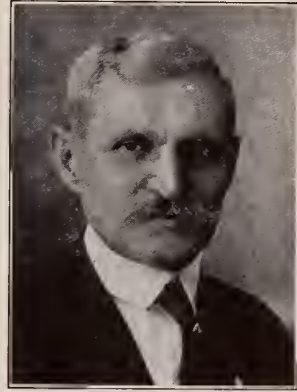
The Hungarian Reformed Church at Lorain, Ohio, celebrated its 35th anniversary on May 30. Because of the illness of the pastor Rev. Daniel Bodor, the service was in charge of Rev. Bela Bacso of Elyria. The anniversary sermons were preached by Dr. Alexander Toth and Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer. In connection with these services Dr. Schaeffer was handed a check for \$100 as the congregation's share in the 20,000 Club Plan.

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On May 26th the General Secretary visited the Hungarian Church at McKeesport, Pa., Rev. Charles Bogar, pastor, and after the services had a conference on certain important matters which was attended by a large number of the members of the congregation.

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On May 27th Drs. Schaeffer and DeLong in company with Rev. L. Varga, President and Rev. B. Dienes, Stated Clerk of the Central Hungarian Classis, visited Morgantown, W. Va., and in conference with the pastor, Rev. Stephen Borsos and members of the consistory, tried to solve a number of problems



REV. ALEXANDER KALASSY, SR., D.D.

which have developed in that widely scattered parish.

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Rev. Alexander Kalassy, Sr., of Ligonier, is supplying the Hungarian Mission at Uniontown, Pa. Mr. Kalassy has just prepared a complete history of the work among the Hungarians in America. The history covers two volumes of interesting information. It is written in Hungarian, but it is hoped that the



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same will be translated into English for the benefit of a much wider circle of readers.

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Extract of letter from Miss A. Katharine Zierdt, Shenchow, Hunan, China.

Ever since I read about the Twenty Thousand Club I have wanted to subscribe one unit, or ten dollars. According to the last OUTLOOK

we received, there is still time so this is my official notice to have ten dollars deducted from my salary and given to the Board of Home Missions. I am happy to know that the home missionaries are receiving their salaries in full for the loss during depression years. I trust all the amount subscribed will be paid.

20,000 Club Notes

ON June 7th the receipts for the 20,000 Club were \$63,299.95. This is very encouraging. During the past month the writer had the privilege of meeting with the Chairmen of the Classical Committees relative to the 20,000 Club in the Eastern and Potomac Synods. A fine spirit was manifested in both groups. The program is being continued with the hope to enlist the cooperation of those congregations who could not have a part in this program before this. We have the assurance that a great many will do their full part during the year. Will it not also be possible for such congregations, who enrolled memberships in this Club, to increase that list by enrolling new members?

Recently a very encouraging letter came to the treasurer's desk from a congregation which has subscribed and paid much more than its quota with this fine bit of information,—"Perhaps you would be interested to know that our 50th Anniversary Gift for the Home portion is to go to the 20 Thousand Club to the extent of fifty memberships, \$500.00." That information comes from the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Reformed Church, Milwaukee, of which the Rev. Henry C. Nott, D. D., is the honored pastor. Are there some others to match that? With cooperation like that we must win.

Let us finish this task in 1937. If any information or help is desired by any one the same will be cheerfully given upon request.

WM. F. DELONG, *Treasurer.*

Home Missions

Report Presented to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches at Montreal, Canada

PROTESTANTISM has long since assumed a major responsibility for the Christianization of America. In this enterprise of far-reaching proportions and implications, the Home Mission forces not only constitute an integral part but have always formed the vanguard of the movement. They have blazed new trails, opened up new highways, discovered and occupied new areas, and in many other respects have pioneered the way towards the realization of the goal of American Christianity. A little more than a century ago, when the various denominations became indigenous and autonomous entities, there followed a wave of missionary expansion which resulted in the occupancy of practically every geographical section of this country. Churches and schools, colleges and theological seminaries were established and the necessary institutional framework was set up. This task has now been in a measure accomplished, but there still remains "much land to be pos-

essed" and the main objective of American Protestantism remains unrealized. Our social, national and religious life has in a sense become more stabilized, but the tensions of life have become more intense, our problems are more complicated, so that the Home Mission enterprise has come to assume a new aspect involving a new approach and a new attack.

The pioneer spirit has always been the motivating influence in Home Missions. A pioneer is one who goes before to prepare the way. In this sense, the work of Home Missions may still be regarded as "pioneer work" in whatever field or area it essays to operate. The old frontier, that borderland which determined the confines of American occupancy and civilization may have passed, but if we think of the frontier as an area of life that lies between that which is fixed and that which is just forming, we may still speak of Home Missions as "frontier work." This new fron-

tier, however, has swung back into areas of life and we are now confronted by a city frontier, a racial frontier, an industrial frontier, an educational frontier, so that while the founding and fostering of churches, schools and hospitals still constitute an important sector of the enterprise, the task of Home Missions to-day embraces the whole front of our national, social, economic, cultural and religious life.

The urgency of this task is accentuated by a wave of secularism in its varied aspects which is to-day invading our intellectual, social and national life. The tension between the ideals of Christianity and the modern philosophy of life imposes fresh obligations upon those religious forces that have accepted as their avowed responsibility the Christianization of every life and all of life. Professor Edward A. Steiner recently wrote: "For the first time in history we are living in an almost completely secularized world. The task for all Christian workers will not be easier in the ten following years; it will be harder. The economic struggle will still further separate man from God, and still more, men one from the other. We shall have to face more of prejudice as men become less religious, for prejudices grow among people who have no religion at all. To the degree that passions are inflamed in the struggle for living, the more we will have to face a narrow and bigoted Americanism, or nationalism, at war with the spirit of Christ." Agricultural, economic and scientific achievements cannot compensate for the loss of a high spiritual idealism. The time for a holy crusade to save the soul of America cannot be postponed without serious consequences to our national and cultural life.

The Home Mission leaders keenly sense this situation and are preparing to meet the issue as adequately as possible. In this undertaking the Home Mission Boards and agencies of the constituent bodies of the Western Section are endeavoring to take their full measure of responsibility.

Types of Work

The far-reaching programme which the Home Mission agencies have adopted includes work in the city, in rural communities, among different types of population, especially the under-privileged. Work is being carried forward among new Americans, the migrants, the mountaineers, the Indians, the Italians, the Mexicans, the Cubans, the Orientals, the Hungarians, the Czechs, the Jews and Negroes.

Work is also conducted in prisons, in concentration camps, in hospitals, in schools. Home Missions always deal with the least advanced, the least securely established, the least favored elements of our population. The problem incident to this task is accentuated by an ever shifting population, both in our urban and rural communities. In many of our cities there is a constant flux of population. This follows the usual succession from native Americans to Jews, to Italians, to Negroes. "Inadequate housing and playground facilities, slum sections and unsanitary community conditions, economic and political exploitation, juvenile delinquency and adult lawlessness, and racial assumptions and animosities add to the intricacy of the city problem for both church and state." These changing conditions now make it impossible to secure the necessary funds from the local field. Formerly the policy prevailed that a community unable to support a Church should be abandoned, but practically in every such community the Church is now more needed than ever, but this makes assistance from the Church at large all the more imperative.

In our rural communities similar problems present themselves. Economic conditions and changes in population have made it necessary to close hundreds of rural churches, and, in many cases, such communities find themselves without adequate religious privileges. No nation, however, can long endure if its rural communities are allowed to suffer spiritual decline.

Evangelism

Evangelism constitutes a prominent type of work committed to the leadership of our Home Mission agencies. This phase of the work received a marked impetus during the past year through the National Preaching Mission, which was conducted in twenty-six of the leading cities across this nation. This nation-wide Mission relates itself intimately with the work of Home Missions. Its objective is practically the same as are also its methods. Through the preaching of the Gospel and the application of the principles and ideals of Christianity to the total life of our people, the Preaching Mission and Home Missions alike are seeking to make a spiritual impact upon America that shall register itself in renewed consecration and in the recovery of the place and function of the Church and the Kingdom of God in the world. This great National Preaching Mission is to be extended into the

remotest parts of the country so that every congregation and every community may come to share its vitalizing influence.

Social Action

The Home Mission agencies are definitely charged with the concern for our social and industrial relations. The Christian Church must be competent to give instruction in the moral laws which govern our social, industrial and political life. The Christian Church must always be the moral guide of society. "Saving the soul of America and completely Christianizing our life in its totality has become the decisive factor in the present struggle between material and spiritual forces. It is, therefore, of supreme importance that all the agencies of redemption in America should be brought to the maximum of their power of efficiency."

In the accomplishment of their task, the possibilities of which the National Preaching Mission disclosed, the Home Mission forces have launched what is called the United Christian Advance. They are fully cognizant of the fact that such a stupendous enterprise can be carried forward successfully and effectively only by cooperative effort. Consequently, six of the major Boards of the Home Missions Council, of which all the national Boards of

the constituent bodies of the Western Section are members, have made a careful study of all the fields in which they are operating and have committed themselves to a policy that overlapping and duplicating of effort and support shall cease as far as this may be possible, with a view of thus releasing workers and money for the adequate occupancy of unoccupied fields and areas. In addition to this, there has been launched a movement known as the Christian Youth in Missionary Action in connection with Christian Youth Building a New World Programme. At the same time "a Church Mission by the Laity" is to be launched as a part of the United Christian Advance. If all of these agencies and activities can be properly co-ordinated, it will result in a forward movement whereby the forces of American life may be brought more fully under Christian influence.

Dr. Homer MacMillan, the Secretary of the Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, has uttered these significant words which we may well lay to heart as we are facing anew the task of Home Missions:

"Never since the founding of the American republic was there greater need for the redemptive work of Home Missions. Never were there so many unchurched; never were the forces of evil more active and determined; and never was there a louder, clearer call for a Home Mission advance. When two-thirds of our people are not even nominal members of the Christian Church, Protestant or Catholic, when more than 27,000,000 Protestant young people are not enrolled in any Sunday School or institution for their training in spiritual things: when there are 10,000 rural communities with no church or religious organization of any description, and 30,000 other communities with vacant or abandoned churches because there is no resident minister or religious teacher to lead them, and when in these neglected communities there are more than two million American children who have never heard the name of Christ, the Saviour of men, except in connection with an oath, shall we not conclude despite the Church's critics that the end of Home Missions is not yet?"

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*



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Foreign Missions

JOHN H. POORMAN, EDITOR

New Missionary to China

AT the June meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, Miss Gertrude M. Zenk, a member of Ebenezer Reformed Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, was elected as a missionary to China. Her father was the Rev. William C. Zenk who was a pastor in the Synod of the Northwest for many years and also served as a professor of music.

Miss Zenk is a graduate of the Sheboygan High School and the Milwaukee State Teachers' College. She has been assigned to serve as teacher of music in Central China College at Wuchang, China, continuing the work so well begun by Mrs. Paul V. Taylor. Miss Zenk expects to sail for Shanghai on the S.S. President Grant from Seattle on August 14th.



MISS GERTRUDE M. ZENK

Missionary Sailings

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ankeney are scheduled to sail for Yokohama on the Asama Maru from Los Angeles on August 2nd. Upon his return to Sendai, Mr. Ankeney will resume his position as Mission treasurer.

Miss Mary E. Gerhard will return to Japan on the Empress of Russia, leaving Vancouver on August 19th, and will resume her work as a teacher in North Japan College at the beginning of the fall term.

Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss and children expect to sail from San Francisco on the Taiyo Maru on August 21st. Mr. Noss will return to Aomori, our northernmost station in Japan, as evangelistic missionary in charge of the work in Aomori Prefecture.

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Seiple are planning to return to Japan on the S.S. President

Jackson, sailing from Seattle on August 28th. Dr. Seiple has received a call to serve as a lecturer in the Nihon Shingakko, the Theological Seminary of the Church of Christ in Japan, located in Tokyo.

Dr. Paul V. Taylor, dean of Central China College, located at Wuchang, will leave on the S.S. President Grant, sailing from Seattle on August 14th.

Miss Alice E. Traub is planning to return to the United States on furlough on the S.S. President Taft, sailing from Shanghai on August 14th and due at San Francisco, August 31st.

Dr. Elmer H. Zaugg, dean of North Japan College, expects to leave Yokohama on August 13th, arriving at San Francisco on September 1st.

Actions of Potomac Synod

At the recent meeting of Potomac Synod, held in June, at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, the Committee on Foreign Missions recommended the following items for action which were approved by the Synod:

1. That all congregations be challenged, through the Kingdom Service Committees of the Classes, to a larger support of Foreign Missions, and to exert an intensive effort to raise the Apportionment in full.

2. That the period from January 1st to

February 15th be designated as the period for Foreign Mission emphasis, and that every church in Synod be urged to observe one Sunday in this period, preferably the second Sunday in February, as Foreign Mission Day.

3. That THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS be more widely circulated.

4. That Synod recognize the self-sacrificing services of our Missionaries, the splendid leadership of Dr. Casselman, and the members of the Board.

Of Such Is the Kingdom

An Interesting Letter from Missionary Frank L. Fesperman, Sendai, Japan

I DO not know when I have attended more interesting and impressive exercises than those just recently held at Ogawara and Kogota. The Ogawara Kindergarten is going along nicely with the church taking the chief responsibility. Our Committee furnishes the head teacher, but all other expenses are borne by the church. There were 19 graduates recently, all of whom enter Primary School immediately. They were trained remarkably well; one little five-year old being left behind for next year's class gave quite a lengthy farewell address to the graduates from memory. I was ashamed of my speech to the graduates after I heard his. It is really almost unbelievable that such changes can take place in children within so short a time. Songs, dances, speeches, all spoke well for the teachers. I regret that Miss Kusano is giving up the work there, but hope that the new teacher, Miss Matsui, will do equally as good a piece of work. The other workers are all local helpers.

In Kogota, the pastor's wife, Mrs. Sasaki gives of her time freely to take care of about 25 small children. She has practically no equipment, and the rented building is very poor, but the results of her work stand out much above the average. Several years ago she had a serious illness in the Imperial University Hospital in Sendai, and said that she had made a vow that when she got well she would give her life in such service. She did most all of the teaching with the little boy strapped to her back. The Sasaki's have two girls in Miyagi College and one boy in the

Gakuin Middle School. It has been my privilege twice each year to meet with the mothers and children of the Kogota Day Nursery, giving them talks along Christian lines, and even though as yet we can see no great increase in the membership, there is a decided uplook in the community. Time will tell what effect this work will have upon the community. Almost all of the people are railroad workers, and move around a great deal.

Recently I have opened the Shinden Day Nursery near Sendai, with Miss Kajiwara as regular teacher. It will run five days a week. Each child brings three sen each day, the town furnishes the building, and the other expenses I care for with my Miyagi Ken special allowance. The woman evangelist, Miss Imai, is a great help, taking most of the responsibility. When the school was opened on March 5th, representatives both of the Prefectural and City Social Service Bureaus came and gave brief addresses to the parents. As it was a nice warm day, most of the mothers were working in the fields and could not come. I hope to be able to report favorable results from this project. During the month of June we shall take in the community children in larger numbers, as the majority of them cannot afford the three sen per day (one cent).

On May 13th we hope to have the Prefectural officials come to show some of their movies in the town hall. One of the films they possess happens to be Kagawa's "One Grain of Wheat." I am pleased with the splendid spirit of the officials towards such efforts of ours in the country.

Miss Imai's Impressions of Day Nursery Work

The Day Nursery, "Evangelistic Work for the Villages," is indeed like glad tidings from Heaven. The children were happy every day, rain or shine. Truly they were like the children in the olden times who played at the feet of Jesus, and their parents could go about their work from early dawn until late evening without any fear for them. Many of the parents said, "Teacher, we are very grateful that you can save us trouble and anxiety." Some said, "My child never eats supper without first saying a blessing." Or, "He became very gentle and sings the hymns he learned." Another one said, "I have felt God's love for the first time." All of the children of the Day Nursery seemed to be especially blessed,

since they were brought into quite a different atmosphere from that of their everyday lives.

Many children who are ordinarily covered with mud in the fields were allowed to spend many happy days in the Day Nursery, where they were taught interesting stories, handwork, and to pray and sing. A sliding board provided by the Social Service department afforded them great joy also. In fact, to them it was a wonderful experience. Even when the shadows of evening fell they reluctantly returned to their homes, but then with their lunch boxes strapped on their backs they were sent away with promises that the next day would be here soon. Some of the children said that they were not able to sleep

for thinking of the good times they would have on tomorrow.

It is needless to say that after our opening the Day Nursery, the village master and others of the community gave great sympathy to our Sunday School and became more interested in meetings for adults held after that. One of the best results was that several became intensely interested in Christianity, and at least one decided to be baptized. Indeed, it was an opportunity to make Christ known.

As to how the farmers were spared much trouble and worry was many times evidenced in their smiles of approval. Those who formerly walked by the Sunday School without giving it a notice or thought, now said, "Thank you for your kindness and trouble."

But at the back of our joy I always think of the great sacrifice paid for us by our American friends. I wish to thank those who are living far beyond the sea away from us, and yet give such joy and gratitude to the farmers of our country. I pray that these Day Nurseries may be opened again next year for the benefit of our fellowmen.

CHISE IMAI.

(Miss Imai, Woman Evangelist, works regularly in four Sunday Schools, and assists in the running of the Day Nurseries. She comes from a Buddhist home, several close relatives being Buddhist priests. She is seen, on the cover page of this issue, calling upon a Japanese mother and child.)

Missionary Chat

Extract of letter from Miss Myers, dated February 23, 1937

"And here's a bit of news from Shenchow. Miss Katharine Zierdt writes that her first class of three nurses of the Nurses' Training School of Abounding Grace Hospital have successfully passed the examinations set by the Nurses' Association of China. I wonder whether there was ever a superintendent of nurses who carried on under greater odds than Miss Zierdt has done in conducting her school of nursing. And she did it because

she wanted the patients of Abounding Grace Hospital to have skilled nursing care, and because it was impossible to get graduate nurses to go interior to Shenchow. When I wrote to the General Secretary of the Nurses' Association in Nanking for a nurse for our Hoy Memorial Hospital she replied saying she had none for us. She hoped that we would find one but that we must remember that it was very difficult to get nurses to go interior."

Extract of letter from Rev. J. Frank Bucher, April 24, 1937

"Just as I finished my letter Mrs. Bucher called me to come to dinner and we had a real treat, the kind we get once a year or so. She planted a few sweet peas, sent from the U. S. A., and we had two little dishes of them which had just been picked out of the garden. Next year she will try to plant more of them. The Chinese peas are now coming on the market, but they taste like cow-peas, and while good and palatable are not nearly as sweet as our

garden peas. Now by sweet peas I do not mean the flower sweet peas of which we have none at all; but sweet garden peas, the kind that you buy in the Philadelphia market any day. But there is no such market here. We get enough to eat, and while the Chinese vegetables do not compare in tastiness to our U. S. vegetables, they are good, but a dish of sweet garden peas, just out of the garden, soft and sweet, is a treat."

"I have been a subscriber to THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS since 1912 and look forward for it each month."

MRS. J. J. HEINMILLER, Lafayette, Indiana.

"I always enjoy my OUTLOOK very much and often pass it on to other members of our Society who gladly read it but do not get it."

MRS. FRED TENDICK, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

President Demura Reports on the Year's Work

Excerpts from the annual report of the president of North Japan College as presented at a meeting of the Board of Trustees in March and translated by Dr. Elmer H. Zaugg, Dean of the College

THE school year, the fiftieth in the history of the institution, opened in April, 1936, with 25 theological students, 408 college students, and 616 middle school boys, a total number of 1,045. This is an increase of 28 students over the enrollment for the previous year. But the number of those who leave before graduation is yearly increasing, especially in the College Department. The 408 students at the beginning of the college year decreased during the year to 362, a falling off of more than 11%. The reasons for students leaving school are ill health and financial difficulties, the latter being the chief cause. The graduates for this year numbered 4 for the Theological Department, 80 for the College Department, and 109 for the Middle School, a total of 193. This is the *largest number of graduates* for any one year in the history of the school, an increase of 27 over the previous year.

Positions for College Graduates

The securing of positions for the graduates of our College Department has improved of late years. The graduates of last year (1935) in both the Commercial and Literary Courses have nearly all found positions. About 30 of this year's Commercial Course graduates, numbering 55 in all, have already secured employment, and the others have good prospects of finding positions during the coming school year. It is gratifying to see that the graduates of the Literary Course are finding positions in other lines of work than that of teaching in Middle Schools. Our Endowment Fund Campaign in the Kansai (the western part of Japan) had as one of its by-products the promotion of a better understanding concerning our school, and it helped our employment campaign very much, a fact of great significance for the future of the Tohoku Gakuin.

The members of the faculty including lecturers or part-time teachers number 97 in all, about the same number as last year. There are 4 professors and 3 lecturers in the Theological Department, 20 professors and 18 lecturers in the College Department, and 23 teachers and 11 lecturers in the Middle School. Eleven of the lecturers or part-time teachers are professors or assistant professors in the Tohoku Imperial University of Sendai.



DR. DEMURA, PRESIDENT OF NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE

The disposition of the students has on the whole been good. To be meek and sincere are characteristics of the students of the Tohoku in general; and these traits are regarded as being especially typical of our own students. The fascistic or communistic students who were present in our school several years ago have recently disappeared, and the students are now living in an atmosphere of healthy thought.

Students Excel in Athletics

Beside the regular gymnastics of the school the physical development of the students is cared for by the Gakuyukai, an organization composed of teachers and students which carries on various extra-curricular activities consisting of different kinds of athletics and sports. Our champions in wrestling, fencing, archery, baseball, tennis, football and rugby are not only able to hold their own against the schools of this prefecture, but are even superior to those of other prefectures, a fact that brings great joy and honor to the school.

For special activities along intellectual lines we have an Historical Club for the first literary course, an English Literary Society

for the second literary course, and a Commercial Club for the students of the commercial course. These organizations play an important part in helping the students to study more earnestly.

Religious Activities

The religious activities are carried on through the Y. M. C. A. of the Middle School and the All-Christian Society of the College. They hold weekly prayer meetings and occasional religious services. The annual special evangelistic meetings of both the Middle School and the College are held under the auspices of the Religious Committee of the school with the cooperation of the students of the above two organizations. The evangelistic meetings in the Middle School last year were conducted by Mr. Daizaburo Washiyama, a professor in Meiji Gakuin, and God gave us many candidates for baptism, but the after-efforts seem not to have been sufficient, so that the final results were not as satisfactory as had been expected. We must, therefore, think about better plans and how to bring about better results in the future. In the College the same kind of evangelistic meetings were conducted last January by Rev. Kyusei Baba, pastor of a Kobe Church.

The life of the theological students was a good example to the whole student body, as was fitting for prospective ministers. Their faith, their scholarship standing, and their help in various churches really deserve our approbation. We cannot help feeling sad when we think of the fact that we will no longer see them in the years to come.

Three Remarkable Events

The last school year saw three remarkable events. The first was the fiftieth anniversary and Dr. Schneder's resignation as president of the school. The second was the union of our seminary with the Nihon Shingakko. And the third was the change in our college regulations whereby the course was shortened from four to three years.

The fiftieth anniversary, held from May 10th to 17th last year, gave us abundant opportunity to reflect upon the great work of the founders of the school and upon its honorable history during the past half century, and we offered our gratitude to God for the great contribution which the school was able to make to His cause and to the state, we ourselves being greatly encouraged and inspired to go forward ever trying to carry out the

Gakuin's mission. We were deeply thankful that every part of the ceremony was successfully carried out with the faithful help of colleagues, patrons and alumni. Undoubtedly, the resignation of Dr. Schneder, who had led the Gakuin by the force of his great personality and unsurpassed talents, was really a great event in our school. It is reasonable to expect that such an event shall be followed by a considerably great advance in the work of the school. I have nothing else in my heart but the prayer that God shall not permit this honorable work to decline. Fortunately, I can rely upon the faithful cooperation of my comrades, and I am willing to sacrifice myself if only the Gakuin's goal can be attained.

Our theological department in the past has been the most precious part of our Gakuin's life, and therefore to lose it is really a matter hard to endure. But the changes in the times and in the mind of the people, and the order of Heaven have shown us the way to union. So the union of our seminary with the Nihon Shingakko of Tokyo is to be realized this coming April. It is a sorrowful event indeed, and yet viewed from a higher and broader plane we believe it to be providential. In the past we have endeavored to realize our Christian ideal largely through the theological department, but now we will have to attain to our Christian objective through the Middle School and the College. This means that we will have to be two times, yes, three times as diligent as we have been in the past. Moreover, we have good reasons to believe that our theological education will be carried on much more efficiently in Tokyo than it would be by us. Hence the union of our seminaries we believe to be providential.

It has become necessary to shorten our College course if we wish to attract to our school more students of better quality. No school today can avoid the utter ruin of its existence unless it is successful in securing many and better students. Our College is now facing this menace. We have, therefore, prepared for the shortening of the course, and have already applied for the permission of the Department of Education. I hope that this permission will be given very soon. At any rate we are about to start the new school year under this plan. When this plan is actually carried out, the number of students will naturally grow large, and our financial difficulties will also be greatly reduced.

Huping News Letter

April 25, 1937

Yochow Traffic

For the first time since Yochow streets were so narrow that two wheelbarrows could pass only if all pedestrians halted and peddlers carried their baskets out of the way into some shop, the city is experiencing a traffic problem. The public is stirred up over the traffic casualties and pedestrians are in constant fear of their lives.

The cause of all this is the presence in Yochow of the 14th Division of the National Army with their supply trucks plus the General's Austin. The cause of the trouble lies not in the trucks being driven too fast—they don't run over 20 m.p.h.—but in the fact that the drivers are "modern" while the citizens of this fair city are "civilized." That is, the truck drivers *think* they have the right of way, whereas the pedestrians *know* that they do; hence the casualties, one dead and about a dozen wounded.

NOTE—The 14th Division have just left town, so our problem is solved!!

April Showers

If April showers bring May flowers in a direct proportion to the amount of moisture deposited, we should have blossoms that would make an Eden seem bare by comparison. Excepting a few days around the fifteenth of this month when the sun shone as though it meant business, we have had rain since the beginning of April. The bean crop has suffered some from the wind and excessive rain, but if clear weather sets in soon there will be no serious loss. The newly planted rice is just sprouting but in some places there has already been too much rain and the seedlings are rotting. Near the school, the rice, like the beans, will not suffer too greatly if we don't have too much rain.

If this present rainy weather is general enough to affect the province of Szechuan, conditions there will be greatly improved. That province is now suffering from the worst drought and famine of the last hundred years. Shipping along the upper Yangtze, between Chengtu and Ichang, up to a few days ago was confined to sampans and shallow draft junks. The level of the river at Yochow Port is so low that all the rain of the past month has made no great difference in the level of the lake here. Under normal con-

ditions, this amount of rain would have caused the lake to rise ten to twenty feet, but due to the low water in the Yangtze, the water all drains out into the river without raising the level of the lake. The current between here and Yochow is much stronger than usual as a result.

Lee Invited to Address Teachers' Institute

Yu Sheng Lee, graduated from Central China College in 1935, associated with "Jimmy" Yen in the Mass Education Headquarters in Ting Hsien until the fall of 1936 when he joined the staff at Huping, has been invited to give a series of lectures on Rural Education at the Central China Institute for Teachers of Primary Schools. This meeting is to be held in Heng Shan at the Hunan headquarters of the Mass Education Movement some time this month. We are very glad to cooperate with the leaders of this work and we hope that Huping will be able to make an even greater contribution to this worthy program in the future.

Staff

To fill the vacancy in Huping's teaching staff caused by Mr. Wen Yuan Ch'ing's serious illness, Mr. Yu Kwei Fu, principal, secured the services of Mr. Yu Yu-Shen, Science Major in the Class of 1920 at Soochow University. After his graduation, Mr. Yu spent seven years as a member of the staff of Eliza Yates School for Girls in Shanghai, a Baptist institution. He was doing graduate work at Yenching University in Peking when the 1927 trouble occurred. As all Mission schools were closed at that time, Mr. Yu decided against education as a career. From that time till the present, Mr. Yu has been in the employ of the Government. His last post was that of General Manager of the Hupeh Provincial Government under General Chang Chun. When the latter was elevated to the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yu resigned his position, being unsympathetic with the policies of the new Governor. Fed up with the life of a government employee, he decided to try to get back into some Mission school where he could live a quieter and more effective Christian life. Both Mr. Yu and his charming wife are second generation Christians. They are very active Christians and have already made a great contribution to the church and school. Mrs. Yu has been

able to get a maximum of music out of the old church piano and our hymns once more sound like hymns. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Yu and their son David here with us.

Rural Social Service Work

What used to be known as the Huping Extension Department has been reorganized as the Huping Rural Social Service Department with Mr. Mei Sheo Chun as its head. The work done by this department will include practically the same branches as were formerly done by the Extension Department. Special emphasis will be placed on Mass Education, Public Health, Religious Training, and Agricultural Methods. Farmers' Institutes, Fairs, Farmers' Short Courses, will be directed by this department. Mr. Mei has

had special training in this type of work and this is the work he likes, so we wish him luck and great success.

Huping Congregation

In the absence of a seminary trained worker, the religious work here at Huping is being directed by Mr. Liu Chin Hsien, chairman of the Huping Consistory. The various Chinese teachers are cooperating in this project and their time and efforts given in a fine spirit are making the work of this term a success. Three women and two students of the Senior Middle School were baptized on Easter. Mr. Liu, the director of religious work for this term is the representative of the English Methodist Mission at Huping. Besides this work, he is the head of the Normal Department and acting disciplinarian—an able and busy man.

His Ways Not Our Ways

A COUNTRY robbery 70 li away from Ma Di I, was the occasion for a call for 100 soldiers from Shenchow on March 9th.

Because the worker I had planned to take on a trip with me was ill, I invited Mrs. Hwang Li Dung Shiu, a Spirit-filled lay member who had already prepared to go to Wusuh, an outstation 25 li from her home, should no other opportunity open for her.

We arrived at the bus station with rolls of bedding and small hand bags before 7:00 A. M. and army officers who arrived later took all available seats on the bus.

Our plan was to go to Hwang Tu Pu first—53 miles away—then stop at Ma Di I on the return trip. When we were told there were no seats available for any of three places where we might have stopped, Mrs. Hwang stepped aside and prayed, "Father if you want us to go, prepare a way to go where you can use us." I went to the window expecting to leave an order for a ticket for the next day, when to my surprise, the agent said there was a bus for Ma Di I—a special it proved to be, for five extra passengers. During the week a still small voice said twice "go to Ma Di I first" but I followed custom and reason, or tried to, until the way was definitely closed. A transfer could have been made later to Hwang Tu Pu but by this time we were convinced without doubt where the Spirit would have us work first.

Upon arrival at Ma Di I, we were invited to breakfast, then visited on the main street and invited guests to the evening meeting which was well attended. We called on young Mrs. Hsae, who had been taken by Reds in 1935, only two-thirds of a mile from where Mrs. Yang, Miss Liu and I spent the night under the stars in His Care. With four other women, Mrs. Hsae ran away on the twenty-fourth day after having traveled between two and three hundred miles.

March 10th, Mr. Li, our host "in hiding" in 1935, invited us to a feast at his home in the country. While sitting in the guest room by a smoky charcoal fire, gazing upon the steep hill before us and recalling special manifestations of God's Grace and love and care—Mrs. Chang was announced. She asked for Evangelist Hsiang and her husband (an inquirer whom she has persecuted for his faith) to come at once to the Ma Di I jail to help secure a younger brother's release.

The local Bible woman, Mrs. Hwang and the two men went out to meet the lady. The feast was not quite ready and the men refused to leave before getting their share of the ten bowl feast. After standing in the rain for nearly half an hour she was persuaded to come in which included eating and talking with the Christians. While waiting for the food, Mrs. Chang heard the way of Salvation from a woman more keen than she and from one who before her conversion had tried many tricks of the world. Prayer was offered

Note—One li equals one-third of a mile.

for the brother's release D. V. and if it were for His glory. Thursday morning the inquirer, Mr. Chang came with a gift of black cakes (country style) for each of us and reported that his wife was a different person since eating a meal with the Christians in the home of a sad faced man who knows he is a sinner but as yet is too proud to yield.

The "younger brother" received many "stripes" and was condemned to die. Further beating made him confess that his older brother who hated him had falsely reported that he had part in the robbery.

While waiting at the farm house to say our "Thank you's" to Mr. Li we saw a bridal party coming up the hill over a slippery winding path and upon inquiry we learned that the groom was our host's second son; they had been to the bride's home for the New Year season and were returning three weeks later in gay parade. The groom came first, then a strong man carrying two great stacks of glutinous rice cakes, behind him were three men carrying large baskets full of puffed and plain rice and last but not least came the bride

wearing a new cross stitched apron and accompanied by two older women. After we left, the Li family had their feast.

March 12th Mrs. Hwang and I had an early breakfast and the Evangelist carried our two rolls of bedding to the bus station after which we insisted he return for his morning meal. After more than an hour he returned with the good news of the release of Mrs. Chang's "younger brother". He came personally to borrow \$2.00 for food money which was gladly loaned although his food had been carried to him each meal. A "tip" for some one was called "food money".

At the next outstation we were royally entertained, held three evening meetings and visited in many of the homes. After the last service we had a long talk with Mrs. Wu, the widow of a tax collector who was killed by Reds in 1935.

Pray that we may have grace and faith to "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey."

MINERVA S. WEIL.

Yang Tsai Lien Giu, Bible Woman, Shenchow

NOT long after I was married I became a widow—very poor and alone.

"Buddhism was the religion I liked most at that time and I read their doctrine for my prayers. Both morning and evening I worshipped the sun. In order to cover sin, I ate cheap vegetables and no meat on the 1st, 3rd, 13th, 15th, 19th and 23rd of each month.

"I lived in this confusion for more than ten years, then one day—on a public street—I heard an old Evangelist tell the story of Joseph. I became interested in Christianity and was taken by a friend to the Women's School in 1920. I was baptized in 1922 and became a Bible woman in 1926.

"During the communist trouble in 1927, while living in East Suburb Chapel with my adopted son and his family, no public services were held but I did personal work, visited in homes and preached to small groups in the chapel."

Such is the translation of facts written by Mrs. Yang. Mrs. Yang is now 63 years old and has been an itinerating Bible woman since 1928. Her heart is happy and she enjoys her work through the help of the Lord. A favorite expression of hers is "Thank God for His unspeakable Grace."



MRS. YANG TSAI LIEN GIU

In 1926, Mrs. Yang met early each morning with a group of Christians to pray for the release of three of us then held by Chinese bandits, Mr. Beck, Miss Koebbe and myself.

She followed her old custom—ate no meat and very poor vegetables until our return—then called a prayer and praise service and served noodles cooked with meat.

In 1935, she spent her 61st birthday on the hilltop—one of a Christian group of eleven who saw the Reds marching 3000 strong,

through Ma Di I, when Rev. Mr. Bosshart was in captivity and held by this group. We were two-thirds of a mile away, which was quite close enough for us but too far away to recognize the difference between a foreigner and a native.

MINERVA S. WEIL.

Baghdad School for Girls

Extract from Mission Narrative for 1936 of United Mission in Mesopotamia

Note—The indented paragraphs are illustrative incidents.

THE fear is often expressed with ever increasing advantages being offered in Iraq government schools, a Mission school can no longer successfully "compete" with them. Are we here to compete with them? My answer to that would be in the negative. Nevertheless, we must have something very worthwhile to give girls in the way of secular education to justify our existence here. If we have that, and if in addition to that we are giving the girls in some measure that which we believe our American girls most need, we have justified our presence here as a Mission school; and need not hesitate to ask for a greater degree of support from those who feel that children the world over are entitled to the best that can be given them.

Our course covers nine years. We take girls from the first year through junior high school. Nearly every girl who graduates from our school longs to go on to a higher school. The percentage of those who have been able to do so is high. Last June, nine girls completed the course, giving us the largest graduating class we have yet had during the five years the school has been of junior high school rank. Of these, four were Moslems, three Christians, and two Jewesses. Not one of the six who went to higher schools was placed lower than our recommendations would have placed her, and two are higher. All are doing well. Since they are in four different types of schools, it does not appear that we need to fear that our girls are below standard scholastically.

The next question is whether, in addition, we are giving them something of greater value to justify our being here as a Mission school.

One of our last year's graduates came last week to make a Christmas call. She is this year a junior in a very good government high school for girls here in Baghdad. As she is planning to study medicine, she

is taking the science course and is doing well. She had only good things to say for her school. "But," she said, "in our school here we were like one big family. The teachers were our friends. We could go to them any time for help, or advice, or just to visit. In the school in which I now am, the teachers are just teachers to us who will pass us or flunk us. We never see them except in class."

"We are like one big family. Our teachers are our friends." What greater gift can we give these young girls than that of friendship? How Christ's disciples must have been touched to the depths of their hearts when He said to them, "I call you no longer servants but friends!" If through our friendship we can show our students our great Friend, as we teachers are striving to do, (and though because of our mistakes we succeed only in part) still isn't it worth every effort we do put forth? And isn't every bit of help you at home give us an offering given in the name of Him who calls you friends?

A report in regard to our school building should be included, for during the heat of summer, (and it *was hot*) we moved into and arranged as a school, a building much more suitable than any we have yet occupied in Baghdad. The building was put up about four years ago and leased for three years to the Egyptian Consul, who helped to plan the building as a residence for his family and offices for his staff. When he left, because he wanted a place with a larger garden, the owner found the place difficult to rent and it was vacant for several months. That helped us, for the owner finally agreed to give it to us at a much reduced rent,—the amount we told him we had for the purpose. The building is large enough; the light and ventilation good; it is on a paved street; and in a comparatively quiet neighborhood.

As traffic constantly increased at the corner at which our school was formerly lo-

cated, I often wondered how much more one's nerves could stand of the noise of wagons, auto horns, carriage bells and rattling wheels, shouting donkey-boys, and bicycle horns which the young owners love to blow. (A bicycle made in Japan can be bought here for about five dollars and they are numerous.) We need a larger playground; but never having had anything but a courtyard, we at least do not miss one. The roof answers the purpose during these cold months when the girls are glad to be in the sun, and during the hot months the basement will have to do.

Recent political changes have scarcely affected us, nor are they likely to. We have always received courteous treatment, and help when we've needed it from those in authority and there is every reason to believe that it will continue.

We lost one little girl through death from tuberculosis. One of the wealthy girls

had her family physician visit Alia, but he said that nothing could be done to save her. Her classmates sent money regularly for milk and food; but Alia was one of a large family living in one room, and good food alone could not save her. Alia had spent six happy years in our school after a difficult experience as a little servant girl when she was about seven years old. The future had little in store for her here, but we have reason to believe that it is offering her much in the world beyond with her heavenly Friend and Master.

We have a total enrollment for the year of one hundred forty girls, which is three less than we had last year. This number, with the gradually increasing number of alumnae and former students, is larger than one American missionary can keep in close personal touch with; yet we wish that our family were larger. We are very much in need of help and are looking forward eagerly to the coming of expected recruits from home.

Mission Congregations in the Honduras Field

IN the splendid report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod for 1936, prepared by Dr. F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary, and which has recently appeared in a separate booklet with a number of interesting illustrations, we find a summary of the status of the congregations of "The Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras":

The Rev. Harold N. Auler, President of the Missionary Conference in Honduras, writes as follows about the church in the Honduras field:

"Slowly but surely, congregational life is developing in our groups. First Evangelical Church in San Pedro Sula with an increase of six members by baptism now has 53 members on the roll. Six more in preparation for baptism.

"The Puerto Cortez church, organized during 1936 with a membership of eighteen, has five on the candidate list. Ten were baptized and six accepted upon profession of faith, having been baptized by other missionaries.

"Yoro, with nine on its list, gained one member by baptism. Three years of sowing have not been sufficient to establish a congregation in that place, but we look for fruit.

"Chamelecon, where years of effort seem to have been lost, gives new hope and joy. Though the congregation has not been reorganized, new life has come. The human source has been mainly the fine interest of a new group of Christians in the nearby village Flor de Calan. The presence of Miss Hulda Sturm during a good part of the year also has contributed. She, with the evangelist, Martin R., from San Pedro, carry on the work.

"Pinalejo, though thus far without a congregation, has four prospective candidates as well as a few in a village nine miles away. La Lima with its transient population also has three prospective members.

"The total offerings of the various groups including the English work was \$552.31. 1936 was a high point in the depression and the majority of our people are of the poor laboring class."

"The letters from the missionaries are so interesting that I just can't do without THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS."

MRS. J. F. MCKNIGHT, China Grove, N. C.

A Missionary for "Bigger and Better" Examinations in India

By REV. E. W. MENZEL, Birsampur, India

THE job of a deputy inspector of schools in India is not an easy one. He has his hands full, and if he has any ambition and professional pride he has them more than full. His job is to look after about 80 little country schools spread all over the face of a district which may be 50 miles long and 50 miles wide.

Some of these schools are near a main road and are easy to reach. Many of them are not. They must be reached by ox cart, horse, bicycle or by walking. In order to reach all his schools twice each year, the deputy inspector must be away from his home considerably more than half the days in the year. He must be out in terrifically hot weather, and also in the rains when the entire rice-growing country-side is one large steaming swamp. He must sleep in mud-walled school houses with roofs that are not over-much of a hindrance to the rain. His traveling and living arrangements while on tour are far from the standards which a man of his rank and education usually expects.

Duties of the Deputy Inspector

And his duties are manifold. Most of the schools being in such out-of-the-way places, about the only proof there is that the schools still exist and are running decently is the report of the deputy inspector. He must not only report on the condition of the teaching and attendance in the school but must also dig into the school accounts, see what repairs are needed, check up to see if all maps and apparatus are on hand. The red tape of the Indian Government is justly famous, and the Department of Education has its full share. So a goodly portion of the poor, harassed deputy inspector's time is spent in filling out forms and taking care of endless red tape demanded in connection with every school.

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A deputy inspector gets little or no opportunity to give practical teaching aid to his teachers. All he has the time for, beyond the routine work described above, is for examining pupils. The first visit in the year the deputy inspector has to spend examining the pupils to see whether or not the teacher is teaching them fast enough so that the year's work will be finished on time. This examination is intended as an examination of the teacher, to see whether the teacher is doing his duty or not. During this visit, some help



REV. E. W. MENZEL

and suggestion is given to the teacher, but since there will be no more visits for six months and that visit will be for examinations of a different type, there cannot possibly be any follow-up work or continuity in the type of help the inspector gives.

The second visit of the year is a really serious visit. It is the time for the yearly examination. And that is a job for the examiner. The promotions of the pupils depend entirely upon it.

One would think that with all the examining the inspector does, he would become an expert examiner. He does, in a certain limited field, but the examinations are too narrow in scope to be of much value otherwise than just giving the names of the pupils who are to pass.

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In India, the land of endless examinations (taken, oh, so seriously) they are helpful only in dropping poor teachers and pupils. They are hardly ever conducted to teach pupils, teachers, school boards, and higher school officials, which is the most valuable asset of an examination.

We have recently appointed ourselves "missionary for bigger and better examinations" in India. Not that India hasn't far too many examinations, but a really intelligent examination is a rarity.

An Examination in Arithmetic

An examination that is occupying our attention at present is one in arithmetic. In America such subjects as long division and lengthy multiplication are not taught until the fourth and fifth grades. In India these subjects are taught in the second grade. Pupils flunk, flunk, and flunk in these subjects

but the Department of Education seems never to have asked the question of whether multiplication and long division can be effectively taught in the second grade or not. When we insist that second graders are too young and green to be taught these subjects, school officials knit their eyebrows and say, "That can't be. We have always had these subjects in the second grade."

So recently we made a trial to see if it does work or not. We chose some of the better schools where the teaching is as good as you can expect to get here in India in these days. We examined about 2,000 pupils. The results surprised even us. We found that less than ten per cent of the second graders learn long division even though most of them have flunked at least twice. Although the average age in the grade is nine years, only 11 per cent learn longer multiplication.

Then we went up the line. Only 25 per cent of the third graders can do this alleged second grade job, and less than fifty per cent of the fourth graders. In other words, it's a farce to try to teach it in the second grade. In the fifth grade, the subject has to be taught all over again.

This result was given before a convention of deputy inspectors, and inspectors. They were very much surprised. One of them said, "If this is true, and it seems to be, then our whole arithmetic program is maladjusted and needs to be changed."

This next year the local Department of Education is cooperating in conducting a whole series of survey tests to find out what parts of arithmetic are feasible for young children and which are not.

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changed in the proportion that our faith, personality and enthusiasm soak into it. Just as we deduce the value of medicine from its effects, so we appraise the quality of our faith from its moral effect upon ourselves and upon society.

What we need today is to feel certain about the call of God and to make some decisions at the price of our comfort and, if need be, of our necks. Perception and action must go

Amongst the younger deputy inspectors are a keen group who are really anxious to improve education. With little outside aid they are making commendable effort to find out what is being done in the rest of the world.

The Objective

What is the use of all this? Why appoint yourself a missionary unto the examination givers? Are we going to get it across?

The latter question we can't answer. Maybe, and maybe not. But it is quite certain that we won't succeed by not trying. And in the meantime, facts are facts. If we can dig out the facts and demonstrate the value of "knowing what we are talking about," there is no reason why the facts can't argue their own case. Our object is to find out the truth about the state of education in India with a view to improving the same. The truth has a way of getting under people's skin somehow or other, and in a country where there is an increasing number of people who are eager to forge ahead, somebody is bound to become infected.

More important than additional schools for India is the spirit of research which is so essential if the present schools are to be made more effective. The improvement of teaching and supervision, the choice of a more adequate school program and educational ideal, and a better adjustment of the school to the needs of the community cannot take place until some earnest fact-finding and educational research work has been done.

Our bigger and better examinations are not to scare children but to find ways and means of getting the school to help children lead fuller and richer lives.

together. We are called to translate our faith into the life of our day.

Like the sleeping beauty in the castle, surrounded by high hedges of thorns, China has at last been awakened to live in a new and wonderful world of progress. In this new world the Church has a large place to fill, providing that it is willing to move forward and to endure.

—*The Chinese Recorder.*

"I always enjoy reading THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS."

MRS. E. PERRY, North Chicago, Ill.

Men and Missions

JOHN M. G. DARMS, EDITOR

Gone With the Wind

Everywhere one sees the popular novel, bearing that name, conspicuously displayed.

It captured not only the Pulitzer prize but the imagination of men and women by its substantial thought, its literary framework and diction, its fine, patriotic spirit, and its rich humanities which stimulate and satisfy the reader.

Even its great length does not keep people from reading it zealously, although not all finish their reading.

That voluminous reading does not "go with the wind"; it takes time and much of it.

But what we are after is not to advertise or popularize that book, however meritorious it may be, but to refer to some peculiar phenomena among the men of our churches in their attitude toward the Christian missionary enterprise.

Is it not true that:

1. Many men have listened too intently to the criticism of the modern missionary movement, much of which is born out of ignorance, or even a narrow, if not a false, patriotic spirit? They have "gone with the popular wind."

2. "America first" is the alibi of many men who would spare themselves the *intellectual effort* necessary to acquaint themselves with the startling facts and profound influence of Christian missionary work at home and abroad? Or, they want to spare themselves the *financial contributions*, which an awakened interest and a based-on-facts conviction of the meritorious and transforming impact and influence would naturally and necessarily demand?

As a matter of fact, many men, who make that argument "America first," do little or nothing for missionary work either at home or abroad. In some circles and activities, one would label such inactive, but fault-finding men, "pikers." They want to quiet their own conscience and "save their own skin." They are "gone with the wind."

3. And have not some men lost their religious fervor and devotion to Christ, their real

religious sense, when they stand mute and non-cooperative on the side lines and let modern paganism advance with leaps and bounds without calling a halt or crushing it absolutely?

The curse of Meroz (Judges 5:23) because "they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." may still apply today.

Those who "go with the wind" of modern paganism, secularization and sophistication, may live to reap the whirlwind which a Christless and Gospel-less civilization is bound to have follow in its trail—the wreckage of everything that is pure and holy, inspired by Christ and directed by God.

4. Anti-missionary literature is written not by believers and workers for Christ, but by agnostics and ego-centric people.

In aviation—typifying spiritual activities in higher spiritual realms of thought and life—the finest start is made when the aeroplane rises "against the wind," and at some point we should put a ban upon and cease giving the right of way to such destructive literature.

But here's the other side: your side and my side of the argument for Christian missions.

On Pentecost we read Acts 2:2—"And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a *rushing, mighty wind*, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and *began* to speak (testify, preach) as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Here, my brother, is a wind, a favorable wind, a God-directed wind, a health and salvation-bringing wind: the Holy Spirit, whom we can all safely and might all well begin to follow and again put "power and push" into the missionary enterprise, as our Divine Lord, our Church, our Boards and our heart would have us do.

Let's all go with THIS wind and we will pull the old world off of its rusted spiritual hinges and give it a pivot upon which it can swing God-ward, facing the rising day without fragments or friction.

The Woman's Missionary Society

GRETA P. HINKLE, EDITOR

"Beginning at Jerusalem"

FLORENCE G. TYLER

AT Jerusalem in 1928, two hundred fifty people from fifty-two countries representing twenty-six national Christian Councils gathered together to discuss the welfare of the church and of all the activities pertaining to the Christian community. The thought and discussion of this group centered around the so-called "younger churches" which were represented by a goodly proportion of nationals.

In this conference there were forty women, including about ten from America. The conference lived together on the Mount of Olives for three weeks, over the Easter season, and it set new standards for the church and for all types of mission work. Some of these standards have been realized and many have not. The church moves slowly especially when it tries to move as a unit.

The World We Live In

And now at the end of ten years the time seems ripe for a restudy of the whole Christian world situation for in these ten years, dictatorships, and the totalitarian state have arisen—communism has made great gains in the ranks. Ethiopia has been swallowed up. Japan and Germany have gone militaristic taking many other nations in their wake. China has been shaken from end to end. Nationalism has made great strides in India where mass movements toward Christianity are in the ascendant. Organized industry has invaded the jungles of Africa. The Philippines are on their way to independence. Mexico has taken an antagonistic attitude toward the church. The South American countries are asserting a spirit of independence and wars and international misunderstandings have flourished though the recent peace conference is hoping to lead the way to a new international understanding. Spain is being torn asunder by internal strife with

the church at the cortex of the struggle. The Near East has developed increasing antagonism toward the church and the whole world has been through a terrific financial depression.

Here in America where the greater part of the world missionary budget is carried, the depression has fallen heavily and mission budgets have been cut in a disastrous way. Mission work the world around has been subjected to the scrutiny of Christian and non-Christian folk and mission boards have been forced to study and restudy their work and to cut vertically as well as horizontally.

At last the tide has turned and times are getting easier and hope is ahead but the thing to which we look forward is not "the good old times" we left in 1929 but something far better, far more Christian, far more cooperative—cooperation between nations, between classes, between races, and between denominations for a new order will mean changes for the church as well as for everything else.

How could any time be more strategic for a conference on "The Christian World Community" such as that planned by the International Missionary Council for the fall of 1938 at Hangchow, China!

This conference proposes to be one in which the problems of the church and the Christian community, north, south, east, and west are discussed. Because it is located in the East and because the majority of those attending the conference are from the East attention will be centered on the problems of that area but the problems of the West will not be overlooked and the thinking and experience of the Christian world will be focused on these problems for the benefit of all.

The Allotment of Delegates

Roughly, the allocation of delegates is as follows:

Nationals 207; missionaries 68; sending countries 85; Total 360. or to make another division:

	<i>Nationals</i>	<i>Missionaries</i>	<i>Total</i>
Africa	17	12	29
Asia	169	44	213
Central South Pacific Islands	3	3	6
Latin America	19	9	28
Europe			39
United States			30
Canada			5
Other English Speak- ing Countries ...			10
			360

which with staff members and certain coopted persons will bring the number to around four hundred.

Women

The conspectus provides that "in the delegations very special effort should be made to ensure the inclusion of all well qualified women and laymen, as well as clergy," and at a later meeting of the Executive Committee the officers were instructed "to see that measures be taken to include women in the preparatory plans for 1938 and that a due proportion of women be appointed to the Council meeting." There will, no doubt, be countries where the women will have equal representation—China perhaps—and there will be the continental countries where women will have little if any representation; and somewhere in between these two will be found America where women have had a voice in the planning from the very inception of the idea and where a very real effort is being made to give representation and thereby expression to all the varied activities of women in their relation to the church's program.

The Program

The 1938 Conference will consider the church in its natural setting the Christian community. The program for the conference has been divided into five sections as follows:

I. *The Faith by Which the Churches Live*

Accepting "the message" as stated by the Jerusalem conference as basic there is still need to relate that message to the changing world conditions.

In 1937 there will be a meeting of the Universal Council of Christian Life and Work at Oxford, England, and the subject of this conference will be "Church, Community, and State." The conference will center its thought around the western church and its deliberations will later be enlarged and enriched by

eastern thought and will form the basis of fresh thinking on the fundamentals of the Christian Faith for the Hangchow meeting.

II. *The Witness of the Church*

General studies of Evangelism are in process of being made. They will include: The approach to great non-Christian faiths; The Kingdom of God movement in Japan; the Five Year Christian movement in China; the Mass Movements in India; the Four Year Movement in the Philippines; the Indian Missions to China and England; the Preaching Mission in America; the Forward movement in Evangelism in India; and any other significant movements wherever found. Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions is preparing a book in which a woman from each of ten countries will tell "What Christianity means to the women of my country."

III. *The Life of the Church*

The Life of the Church will include its worship, the religious life of the home; and the problems of religious education, the enlisting of voluntary lay leadership and its training, the relation of the church to Christian movements outside the organized church; the relation of the church to the cultural heritage of the different countries, the bearing of education on the life of the church, the work of the missionary, and his training for service.

IV. *The Church and Its Environment*

This section will place particular emphasis on:

- a. The economic basis of the church
- b. The church and the changing economic order
- c. The problem of war
- d. The challenge of the modern state to the church. This latter will deal with the difficulties of maintaining religious education under some governmental edicts, the menace of these edicts to religious freedom.

Studies are already under way in a, b, and c and it is easy to prophesy that there will be few national groups which will be unable to make a considerable contribution on the basis of experience to these items under "the church and its environment."

V. *Closer Cooperation*

Here the conference must come face to face with many practical questions.

This is not to be a paper conference, it is to be an experience conference. It is not to build around ideas alone but upon practical programs of work. It aims to raise the standards of the efficiency and usefulness and the dynamic power of the Christian church.

It is possible to have a real part in the 1938 Conference without going to Hangchow. The first step in preparation is the deepening of our own religious life, the second step is the cultivation of real intelligence on the problems which face the church in America. We must then learn something of the international situation and with that as a background make an intensive study of the problems which the missionaries and nationals are facing in other lands in the development of Christian-

ity and the growth of the church and see clearly our relationship to these problems.

In this program are all the elements of real adventure. There is much to be done in this world in which we live—nearby and far off. We must see that the Christian church is worthy of the name it bears. We must extend the spirit of brotherhood. We must build the World Christian Community. This is the program of Hangchow.

Lesson I. Read:

“The Church At the Heart of the World Christian Community,” by Esther Boorman Strong, price ten cents.

“Christianity in the Eastern Conflicts,” by William Paton. Cloth \$1.50; paper 75 cents.

Prayer for Hangchow

Let us pray:—

For the Church Universal at work in the world; of which our church is one part, that it and we may be eager servants of God in this world.

For the leadership of the Church that they may quietly wait upon the Word of God and do His bidding fearlessly.

For the representatives of the Church abroad that God may give them insight into the yearnings and aspirations of the people among whom they live and keep their hearts free from prejudice that they may truly see God's will for mankind.

For the men and women in the Church, bewildered, confused, or unheeding, that they may trust God and trusting in Him find true inspiration and guidance in the work of His Church and the teachings of its apostles.

For the youth of the Church that they may discover early in life the adventure of serving God and the supreme importance of the teachings of Christ for the world.

For those world Christian organizations which are drawing men and women together in thought and action: The Universal Christian Council for Life and Work which meets in Oxford, England, in July 1937 to study the position of the Christian Church in relation to the great forces at work today in Community and State; The World Council for Faith and Order which meets at Edinburgh in July 1937 to consider the greater unity of the Christian Church; and for the International Missionary Council which meets in Hangchow, China, in 1938, to plan unitedly that great outward thrust of the Church as it heeds the missionary command of the Master.

Miyagi College Notes

Extract of letter from Dr. Kate I. Hansen, Dean of the Department of Music, Miyagi College, May 30, 1937

MIYAGI is running along smoothly. We had good entering classes. The closing of the English Department at the government college sent a few extra students into our English course. I hope the closing is permanent, for there are just about enough girls in Sendai with the desire to specialize in English to fill one good college course; and Miyagi is the logical place for them. Our English course sets the intellectual standard for Miyagi, and it is producing some very fine,

strong Christian girls, real leaders.

Today I went with Miss Lindsey, who is an advisor to our college Y. W. C. A., to the “Retreat” our girls and the girls of the Baptist school held over this weekend, with the national secretary for colleges, Miss Hikaru, in charge. Miss Hikaru, by the way, is a former teacher in Miyagi. It was a very earnest group of about thirty girls, and the discussions I heard indicated a real growth in spiritual life, as well as zeal for the welfare of their organization.

The old Miyagi residence is no more. I was exceedingly sorry it had to go, but apparently nobody in Sendai could or would move it without tearing it down. Excavating is going on for the new auditorium and everything is ready for the pouring of the concrete. *Won't* we be happy when it is finished!!!

One of the many projects this spring which has taken a good deal of correspondence is the arranging for a concert trip for our music seniors, the first week in July. They have three concerts now scheduled. Misses Hsley and Leidal will go with them. It's fine experience for them, fine advertising for Miyagi, and no expense to the school.

The Fiftieth Anniversary

June 2 in the Local Societies

FROM far and near reports are coming in to the office of the Executive Secretary relating the happy times which accompanied the launching of the Year of Appreciation—June 2, 1937 to June 2, 1938. Some of the descriptions of settings for the service reveal much planning and great pains to make the occasion one long to be remembered. One society writes of a great golden bell, dotted with sunburst roses and maiden hair fern, suspended from the ceiling. All of them tell of a profusion of flowers, yellow and white, of striking banners and posters and invitations announcing the meeting. One reports small invitations of gold paper in book form attached to each church bulletin the Sunday preceding the service, another tells of gold bell invitations. From West Side Hungarian Church in Buffalo comes the report of a splendid service with the note that for the benefit of the older folk, portions of the program were explained in Hungarian and several Hungarian hymns were sung. From eastern Pennsylvania comes an interesting account which includes a poem written especially for the occasion in the Pennsylvania German dialect. The sentiment of the verses is beautiful although the editor confesses her inability to translate them without much assistance. In most of the services Guild girls were present and assisted. In two of the churches, Consistories had been invited to attend in a body and did so. In both instances, a spokesman for the Consistory gave a brief word of greeting, appreciation, and congratulation.

The following letter tells of the service in Wakamatsu, Japan. It was arranged so that it came at the same time we would be holding our services over here which was somewhat earlier in the Orient:

31 Torii Machi
Aizu, Wakamatsu, Japan.

Dear Miss Hinkle:

Today the Women's Society of Wakamatsu Church joined in celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society. As I entered the church, I could tell by the number of slippers at the door of the "tatami" (straw mat) room that the attendance was good. About twenty women and the pastor were seated on cushions in a circle around the "tatami" room. The entire program was in Japanese, our helper having translated the program which we received from Miss Kerschner. Although the service always has one of the Japanese members for leader, I was asked to be leader for this special occasion. After bowing to the women who bowed in return, we proceeded with the meeting. The organ prelude was played by Miss Kiku Suzuki, the woman Evangelist and graduate of Miyagi College Bible Department. A number of the women read the note of appreciation and messages of the presidents and took the parts of the Character of Olden Time and The Pilgrim. Rev. Tan who has been in America and has an understanding of the work of the W. M. S., gave a closing prayer in appreciation of the work which you have so nobly done. The women of Wakamatsu Church send greetings and congratulations to the W. M. S. of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Sincerely,

IRMA ENGELMANN.

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This account is stirring, is it not—no doubt there will be reports from China and Iraq too. We were truly gathered together in one place and in one accord on that night. Whether the groups were larger or smaller, the spirit was the same and already results of the renewed consecration are evident.

To the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod

Dear Friends:

As your eldest daughter, Miyagi College wishes to congratulate you on your Fiftieth Anniversary and to express her gratitude for the whole-hearted, loving interest and support which you have given her for fifty years. May the Father of us all be with you during your whole anniversary year, and may He richly bless all of your labors in the extension of His Kingdom of joy and peace throughout the world.

KOTOJI HARADA,

KATE I. HANSEN.

Secretaries, Board of Managers,
Miyagi College.

Sendai, Japan
May 6, 1937

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Dear Friends:

We rejoice with you as the Woman's Missionary Society celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary of service for God in the church at home and abroad.

Though Miyagi Girls' School in Japan is one year older, yet its establishment was undoubtedly inspired by those women all over the church who were one year later to make possible the organization of the W. M. S. G. S. Perhaps it was Miss Poorbaugh's and

Miss Ault's brave adventure across the Pacific to Japan in the Cause of Christ that may have added just the needed element to crystallize the desire of the women of our church to declare themselves for united service.

As your prayers and good wishes were with us last November when we held our Golden Anniversary, so ours are with you this June when you meet in joyful acclaim of God's goodness and guidance throughout the years in the wonderful work you have carried on in His name in America, Japan, China and Iraq. As we look forward to our Centennials, let our earnest prayers rise together for greater devotion to Christ's vision of all the world bowing in loving adoration to God the Father.

Cordially yours,

KATE I. HANSEN,
LYDIA A. LINDSEY.

Miyagi College
Sendai, Japan
May 6, 1937

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The above letters were read at the recent Cabinet Meeting of the W. M. S. G. S., and we are happy to pass them on to the women of the societies.

Cabinet Echoes

ONE of the unusual and interesting features of the Annual Meeting of the Cabinet of the W. M. S. G. S., held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 26 to 28, was the presence of Mr. Wilbur Chapman, who, as a ten-year-old boy bought a pig, fattened and sold it so that with the money he might help a leper. He called the pig Pete. The story of the little boy who bought and raised a pig for the lepers was told by Mr. Danner of the Mission to Lepers and a man who heard it sent out for a little pig bank. Placing it on his desk he declared that this was Pete No. 2 and that he would feed it coin in the back instead of corn in the ear.

From Pete the pig raised by Wilbur Chapman and the pig bank on the desk of the man who heard the story has sprung the custom which has long been a part of the gathering of funds for leper work. The little gilt pig which so many know as the Leper Pig and whose contents have since that day brought into the leper work over a million dollars has become famous. Little did Wilbur

think, so he said to the Cabinet that day, that his raising that pig would have so far reaching an effect.

By the way, you mothers—Wilbur's mother had heard a plea for the Lepers at a meeting in her church and had promised herself that she would get enough money to send 10 lepers to the hospital. Unfortunately, she was able to gather money for only 9. It was his mother's disappointment, plus the interest of the speaker in the lad, that sent Wilbur on the way to earn the money for that tenth leper.

Dr. John H. Schultz of the Baitalpur-Chandkuri Leper Hospital, accompanied Mr. Chapman. His explanation of leprosy as a disease, the various stages, the possibility of arresting it, the work of the Hospital (which we, of the W. M. S., have assisted recently) the crying need, was most enlightening.

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The general theme for the meeting was "Even So Come, Lord Jesus." At the opening session a meditation on "Hear Our Prayer"

was led by Mrs. Irvin W. Hendricks. Later meditations on the themes, "Rule Our Minds," "Expand Our Souls," "Employ Our Talents," and "Sanctify Our Relationships" were led by Mrs. Nevin Smith, Mrs. George Fretz, Mrs. W. L. Neuenschwander and Mrs. Richard Rettig.

A simple but beautifully impressive memorial period, led by Miss Ruth Heinmiller and Mrs. Lewis L. Anwalt, recalled the service of Mrs. R. B. Meckstroth and Miss Ruth Nott.

Two new Synodical presidents were introduced—Mrs. J. H. Bosch of Pittsburgh Synod and Mrs. J. F. Hawk of Mid-West Synod. Mrs. Hawk was a member of the Cabinet several years ago in the same capacity.

A very interesting hour was spent one evening seeing the moving pictures taken by Misses Heinmiller and Schilling on their recent trip to the Orient. The reels included also some scenes from Jeffersonville, Indiana, showing the church after the floods receded.

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Excerpts from the Annual Reports

Thank Offering

Total Thank Offering from the W. M. S.....	\$36,947.19
Total Thank Offering from the G. M. G.....	\$ 4,334.52
Total Thank Offering from the M. B.	\$ 1,426.81

Total Thank Offering.. \$42,708.52

Mrs. Hetrick, Secretary of Thank Offering, was happy to report a total gain in the Thank Offering of \$4,098.33. The W. M. S. had about \$30 more than the 12% increase to which they were challenged, but because neither the Guild nor the Mission Band reached the goal of a 12% increase, we must have more than this percentage of increase next year if we are to reach the \$50,000 Thank Offering in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary. Next year's Thank Offering—the one we bring this next fall—must be \$7,291.48 higher than this year's if we are to achieve the \$50,000 goal.

Life and Memorial Memberships

The challenge for the year was 100 memberships. The report showed 143 had been received—92 Life and 51 Memorial. The present status of the Department is—1,335 Life Members and 1,207 Members in Memoriam.

Before the Triennial Meeting in Akron next spring, a new book containing the names of all Life Members and Members in Memoriam is to be compiled by the Secretary, Mrs. Nevin Smith. She will appreciate hearing early in the year of any incorrect listings in the present book. Members are always listed with the address at the time of their enrollment.

Girls' Missionary Guild

Number of Guilds reported this year—417, membership—5,565. One of the very interesting parts of Miss Heinmiller's report was the announcement that 196 Guild girls had been graduated into the ranks of the W. M. S., and that 18 boys who had been Guild members became members of the Churchmen's League.

Mission Band

There are 8,340 children in 294 Bands, including church school groups which report as Mission Bands and contribute to the Mission Band projects. There are 1,645 children participating in the Reading Course for Boys and Girls.

Organization and Membership

There are 785 Societies (a net gain of 11) with a membership of 20,766 (net gain of 173).

There are 81 members at large, 64 of which are in Eastern Synod.

The four largest Classical Societies are: East Ohio—1,300; North Carolina—1,183; Northeast Ohio—1,162; and Philadelphia—1,119.

Two Classical Societies are on the Roll of Honor, having attained the goal set by Miss Kerschner of a net gain of 20 members per year for the five year period 1933-1937 inclusive: North Carolina—227 and Lebanon—107.

35,000 copies of the Fellowship in Christ leaflet were distributed and we could easily have sent out 5,000 more had the supply not been exhausted. 20,00 copies of the Sharing leaflet were distributed among members as well as to other women in the Congregation.

Literature

652 Societies, 314 Guilds and 202 Mission Bands reported they were making use of the helpful program packets prepared by the Educational Commission. A number of Societies, Guilds and Bands use more than one packet as is evidenced by the fact that from the Literature Depositories there were distrib-

uted last year: 836 W. M. S. Packets, 552 G. M. G., and 246 M. B.

In three Classes, every Society is making use of the W. M. S. Program Packet—New York (in Eastern Synod) and Fort Wayne and Kentucky (in Mid-West Synod).

630 Societies and 231 Guilds report that they have been circulating the Stewardship Reading Packet; 603 Societies and 221 Guilds report the circulation of the Christian Citizenship Reading Packet.

13,235 of the 1937 Prayer Calendars were distributed by Societies and Guilds.

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Reading Course—Societies report 7,090 readers and Guilds 1,785; the former report a total number of units—147,515, while the latter report—32,991. This makes a total number of 8,875 readers having read to the extent of 180,506 units. (Most of the books count 1 or 2 units, a very few count 3).

Individual Honors—The woman with the highest record for reading during the two years of the present Course is Mrs. Bella Koch, of Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa., who reports 366 units. Several others in Eastern Synod reported a higher number of units than the highest in any other Synod, but we report from the highest in each Synod, therefore second honors go to Mrs. Frank Thoni, of Nashville, Tenn., 276 units, and third to Mrs. Jacob Dahl, of Salem Church, Buffalo, N. Y., 250 units.

Among Guild girls, Miss Amanda Fruchte, Decatur, Ind., ranks highest, with 161 units; Miss Ruth Reed, of St. John's Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., second, with 140 units, and Miss Mary Pfeister, North Lima, Ohio, third, with 128 units.

Outlook of Missions

For the first time in a long period of years we are able to report an increase in the number of subscriptions—75. It is small, but at least we've turned the corner and now the

road will probably be a bit easier. What about that shower of new subscriptions for the Fiftieth Anniversary! It would certainly bring showers of blessings on the subscribers and readers. This net increase is due largely to the strenuous efforts on the part of local secretaries of literature urged on by the Classical and Synodical Secretaries. Now that the hill has been climbed, we are counting on them to forge ahead in a great spurt toward the goal.

Treasurer

The total receipts from the Societies—\$107,268.77. Of this amount \$35,791.51 was disbursed for projects in foreign lands, and \$46,349.08 for home mission projects. From the balance came our contribution of \$600 toward the department of Missionary Education, our contribution to the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Foreign Missions Conference, the Missionary Education Movement and other interdenominational and denominational projects in addition to the salaries of the staff, the upkeep of the two Literature Depositories and offices.

As a result of the invitation to local societies to contribute 50c a year for three years toward the expenses of the Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting in Akron in 1938, the Treasurer has received \$546.62.

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee

A full committee meeting was held preceding the Cabinet Meeting and plans were discussed at length for the Akron meeting. Several of the members, including Mrs. Hendricks who has written the Anniversary Pageant, drove to Akron so that they might be thoroughly familiar with the church auditorium.

Miss Ella Klumb, Secretary of the Committee, reported that only 6 Classical Societies had reported to her their selection of a Fiftieth Anniversary Project.

In Memoriam

There passed to Life Eternal, recently, one who was an enthusiastic Christian worker for many years—Mrs. J. Lucian Roush, of Esterly, Pa. Mrs. Roush who has always participated in Kingdom service activities, was formerly president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Eastern Synod and therefore a member of the General Synodical Cabinet. She was one of the early Life Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

The Family Goes Visiting

JUST before the Cabinet Meeting, about 20 representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society—a few sent by Classical Societies—attended the quadrennial meeting of the Evangelical Women's Union in St. Louis. To give a detailed account would be impossible, to put into words one's impressions would be difficult too. Besides, the writer's most vivid impressions and the happiest ones too are by no means the things that one writes about. They do not deal with the size of the group (although it was the largest in the history of the Union, in the neighborhood of 2,000); nor the outstanding speakers and the challenging addresses (even though they were worthy of detailed reporting); nor of the beautiful flowers (most of them memorial baskets that were beyond description); nor the care with which the St. Louis committee had planned for every detail of the meeting and the comfort of the delegates. No—they recall friendly conversations with neighbors at the table, or in the auditorium, or in the corridors, or in the book room or in discussion groups, where one really learned to know the women of the E. W. U. and could match them, woman for woman, with friends we have met in our itineraries among the Woman's Missionary Societies of the R branch of the church.

It was a thrilling moment when the vote to adopt the Plan of Union was taken. The sentiment was just about the same as among the W. M. S. groups—a bit fearful here and there, hopeful that it was all for the best, and enthusiastically eager in many sections to take this forward step.

The new President of the E. W. U. is no stranger to W. M. S. groups. Mrs. Hugo Schuessler, of Evansville, Ind., led the beautiful devotional services at our last Triennial Meeting in Greensburg, Pa. These were printed later and included in the W. M. S. Packet. We are happy to welcome her in this new capacity.

At every meal we found at our places a memento from one of the Mission Stations—national and international. These were explained and there was a short talk from a representative of the work presented at that particular meal. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schroer from Morioka, Japan, and a number of missionaries from the E side of the church were present throughout the sessions.

All in all, it was a very happy visit on the part of the W. M. S. family and when they come to see us in Akron we hope they'll feel just as much at home as we did.

Partings

Winnebago Indian Mission News

LILLIAN SHEGONEE, a pupil at the Winnebago Indian School, passed away on Friday forenoon, April 30, after only a week's illness. Lillian, who was to be fourteen years old this summer, was an honor both to her parents and the Indian School she attended since a little girl. She had suddenly become very sick and was taken to the Neillsville Hospital as soon as her parents arrived. They were with her constantly. When the time for her departure drew near, they said with calm resignation and Christian faith, "We are ready to let her go." Christian funeral services were held at the school the following Sunday, May 2. Little children clung to the casket for a last long look at their sleeping friend and sister, all previous pagan fear of the dead forgotten. In the afternoon the body was taken to the Indian Mission Chapel at Black River Falls and,

after a short service, buried in the near-by Christian Indian cemetery.

The Winnebago Indian School reached the end of another school year on Saturday, May



WINNEBAGO SCHOOL LADS

15, when the pupils returned to their homes for the summer vacation. On Friday evening the Indian boys and girls and staff members gathered together in the upper school room for a last meeting before all were to leave for their vacation. Mr. Ben looked at the children before him. Doubtless some would never come back again. "Remember the things we've tried to teach you here," he said. "Be kind to each other, and loving. Help your mothers and fathers, and remember that Jesus is always your friend." His informal talk was like a kind father's to his beloved children who are leaving his care. Deep feeling permeated the room in which was the large family of Indian children and white workers who had shared the joys of Christmas, problems of youth, the suffering and anxiety of sickness, and deep sorrow in the

death of a beloved schoolmate. What would the summer mean for them? Then the various awards earned during the school year were distributed. How proud they were to receive their Infant Hygiene and Reading Circle Diplomas and Seals! And especially happy was the large group of primary as well as older pupils whose names were announced as having read more than the required number of books. The next day, early in the morning everyone hurried to finish his regular work, and report cards were handed out. Each family was given a sack of beets and of carrots to take home with their children. As every other year, there were some who had to wait long after the others had left, and with noses flattened against window panes looked anxiously for their delayed parents.

The President's Corner

SOMEONE has said "The mission of the Church is missions." The missionary societies represent the organized activities of the women of the Church. As President you will strive earnestly to bring your society into complete harmony with the purpose of the society which is to aid in the evangelization and Christianization of the womanhood and childhood of the world. We do this, first of all, as members of the Church, and then in a second-mile way, through our membership in the Woman's Missionary Society.

That there may be intelligent giving to the Causes supported by the Woman's Missionary Society, the Treasurer will endeavor each month to make the "Budget Live." She will get a supply of the "Sharing" leaflet and distribute it. For the sake of economy she will collect the leaflets for use from month to month.

A careful reading of the Minutes of the Cabinet which every President should receive in September, will not only interest you but enlighten you greatly concerning the work in which you are having so vital a part.

Early in the educational year you will want to call a Cabinet meeting (the officers and Departmental Secretaries); check with each Departmental Secretary whether she has received her Plan of Work letter. These letters should be read at the Cabinet meeting. Together, you can decide on the important points to be given to the society.

Take this issue of the **OUTLOOK OF MIS-**

SIONS to the Cabinet meeting as well as to the monthly meeting.

At the September meeting: Call on the Secretary of Membership for the report on The United Christian Advance. Appoint a special committee to plan for the "FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST" VISITATION. The Secretary of Membership will order the supply of the leaflet "FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST" which contains a prayer cycle for an entire year.

IN OCTOBER: Ask the Thank Offering Secretary to present the aims of her department. This is probably the last time she will have an opportunity to give the challenge for the Fiftieth Anniversary goal.

If the Every Woman Visitation has not yet been planned, begin to do so now. Urge all members to use the suggested prayer topics in the leaflet "FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST."

Plan for a Mission Study Class or a Church School of Missions. Consult with the Program Committee.

Share the contents of the leaflet "Let's Pack a Box." The Home Mission families "adopted" last Christmas were thrilled and helped.

Elsewhere in this issue of **THE OUTLOOK** appears an article on the Hangchow Conference. Inasmuch as we are to remember the Conference monthly in the period, "Fellowship in Prayer," brief reference might be made to the article before the prayer is offered.

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER.

Christian Citizenship Corner

MRS. F. E. BOICEGRAIN

World Armies Do Not Make for Peace

FROM Geneva, in November of last year, 1936, comes the information that the world today has 1,700,000 more men under arms than twenty-two years ago at the start of the World War. Excluding such organizations as the United States National Guard and semi-military political units, there are now 7,600,000 men with land forces, compared to 5,900,000 before the war.

The total including navies is 8,200,000. "We must destroy war or war will destroy us." With these words of warning, Secretary Hull at Buenos Aires closed the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace. He sounded a note of hope when he said that the "real patriots and the real heroes of the future will be the leaders who find and follow the road to peace."

There is also real hope in the statement of Foreign Minister Spaak of Belgium that his Government "intends to avoid war at all costs." If a few Governments actually shift the emphasis as the Belgian Statesman suggests, and begin to make the sacrifices implied, peace and civilization will have a new chance in the world.

International honor found its reward in a New York City court. An unfortunate Finlander landed in a magistrate's court as a vagrant. The Judge on hearing the story remarked—"So you were born in Finland, well we are not going to let a Finn starve in this country when Finland has been the one country to pay its war debt so honorably on the dot."

The story goes that the magistrate ordered the police probation officer to find the man a home and a job. Someone has made this pertinent comment, "The effects of the gesture may travel far. International affairs are not above recognizing individual instances. The World War was started from a single instance, that of murdering an individual." One of the important messages at the time of the dedication exercises for the beautiful monument of Vimy Ridge came from Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada who wrote "A World of Peace, Canada believes, is the only memorial worthy of the valor and the sacrifices of all who gave their lives in the World War."

Life Members and Members in Memoriam

LIFE MEMBERS

EASTERN SYNOD

Lebanon Classis—Mrs. F. E. Bamberger, 717 Walnut Street, Lebanon, Pa.

Philadelphia Classis—Mrs. Laura Clymer, 1116 W. Tioga Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Howard S. Welker, 660 N. Frazier Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

OHIO SYNOD

East Ohio Classis—Mrs. L. A. Sitler, S. Seneca Avenue, Alliance, Ohio; Mrs. Ida May Scott, Alliance, Ohio, R. D. No. 3.

Northwest Ohio Classis—Mrs. Iva Fruth, 238 E. Crocker Street, Fostoria, Ohio.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Maryland Classis—Mrs. Emma B. Herman, 840 N. Market Street, Frederick, Md.

Virginia Classis—Kathryn Royer Flickinger, 209 N. Washington Street, Winchester, Va.

Zion's Classis—Mrs. Alice Sprenkle, R. D. No. 1, Hellam, Pa.

Mrs. Sigismund Laky, 696 Tonawanda Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Mary Gerhard, Sendai, Japan.

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

EASTERN SYNOD

Philadelphia Classis—Mrs. K. M. Treichler, 128 W. Marshall Street, Norristown, Pa.

Tohickon Classis—Mrs. Calvin Hunsberger, Franklin Street, Souderton, Pa.

MID-WEST SYNOD

Indianapolis Classis—Elizabeth A. Feldmeyer, N. 15th Street, Lafayette, Ind.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Gettysburg Classis—Mrs. David G. Sell, Littlestown, Pa.

Mr. D. E. Zimmerman, Galion, Ohio.

Momentum for the Meeting Materials and Methods

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER

THIS column is supposed to contain references to materials two months in advance of the time when they are needed. The attention of the Program Committees is called to the fact that in this issue we mention items which should be ordered for use during September and October.

PACKETS—For Woman's Missionary Society—75c plus a contribution of 10c for carriage (should be ready early in August). The theme around which the programs have been built is "The World Adventure of the Church." The September program is arranged in the form of a dialogue entitled "A Call to Christian Action." Six women are needed. Extra copies should be ordered. Consult price on leaflet.

FOR GIRLS' MISSIONARY GUILDS—The Packet contains much interesting material. Price 50c.

FOR MISSION BANDS—Programs are largely based on Peace. There has not been a Mission Band Packet with so great a number of interesting leaflets and suggestions as this one contains. Leaders will do well to order it at an early date. The price is 50c.

Leaders of Bands will be glad that our boys and girls will have the privilege of joining in another World Friendship project: the packing of a suitcase bearing the label "For

a Child in Spain from The Children of America." Send for promotional leaflets to Committee on World Friendship Among Children, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Send postage and if the song sheet containing four songs is desired include 2c for each copy. Suitcases cost \$1.00.

The **THANK OFFERING PACKET** should be ready by mid-August. Much of the material will have a Fiftieth Anniversary appearance. The contents will be new and very helpful. Price 25c. Remember to include payment and carriage charges with all orders.

Societies residing in the area of the Eastern Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 416 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those residing in the area of the Western Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Christian Women in Action

THIS time it is a group of young women, nearly all of whom have been former members of the Girls' Missionary Guild who report having organized a society on March 31st, in Eighth Church, Cleveland, Ohio. As is customary, the Classical President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and the Secretary of Organization and Membership have been notified of this new society. The President, Mrs. Winifred Wagner, 4605 Van Epps Road, Cleveland, has been sent a letter of greeting and welcome and we hope the charter membership of thirteen will prove a very lucky number for this new society.

Girls' Missionary Guild

RUTH HEINMILLER, SECRETARY

THE theme for the programs beginning in September will be "Christ Challenges." Some of the programs will be based upon the books **THE YOUNG MOSLEM LOOKS AT LIFE**, by Murray T. Titus, 60 cents in paper; and **BESIDE ALL WATERS**, by Dr. C. E. Schaeffer, 60 cents in paper. The program packet will be 50 cents this year. When ordering any of this material kindly enclose payment with orders.

Going More Than the Second Mile

We are always happy to learn of Guilds that attain the Standard but happier are we

when we learn that they more than attain it. Now, how can that be? The Girls' Missionary Guild at St. Stephen's Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, was not satisfied with just "reaching" the Standard. Instead of one-fourth of the members reading **THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS** and one-third of the members participating in the Reading Course, they set as their goal 100% of their members reaching those points and they succeeded. A fine record!

We Welcome the New Guilds

Ohio Synod — Dayton, Ohio, Second Church. Reorganized with ten members.

President, Miss Frances Shook, 420 South Brown Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Dayton, Ohio, Heidelberg Church. Organized by Mrs. Dorothy Stewart with ten charter members. President, Miss Mabel Strayer, 263 South Hedges Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Canton, Ohio, Grace Church. Organized by Mrs. E. Klotz with seven charter members. President, Miss Lydia Cooper, 1515 Norwood Place, N. W. Canton, Ohio.

Zion Church, Ragersville, Ohio. Organized with twenty charter members by Mrs. C. Kent Chidester. President, Miss Ruby Zimmerman, R. R. No. 1, Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Mid-West Synod—East Chicago, Indiana, Hungarian Church. Organized by Miss Gertrude Gorombey with eight charter members. President, Miss Elizabeth Josvai, 4818 Drummond Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

Eastern Synod—Catawissa, Pa., St. John's Church. Organized by Miss Grace Keller with eleven charter members. President, Miss Alice Huber, Catawissa, Pa.

A Letter from Lucile Hartman

Yungtsui, Hunan, China
April 12, 1937.

Dear Girls:

God graciously provided for each step of the journey from Peiping to Yungtsui. I started a letter to you one sunny afternoon on a mountain top near Shenchow. The view from there would make anyone love China—butterflies on the white blossoms of a nearby pear tree, peach blooms hiding the farmhouse below us, and beyond—hillsides green in pine, with terraced rice fields stepping down the valleys. All about us were bird calls and the mellow tinkling of a cow bell.

A school holiday had given the opportunity for Mrs. Snyder, Helen Brown, and two of the Chinese teachers to climb the mountain. What fun we did have speaking a mixture of Chinese and English. It was indeed a treat during the days in Shenchow (Yuanling) to meet teachers of the Chenteh School, knowing that your gifts help the school. After four days of travel by train and bus from Peiping,



1937-1938 FACULTY OF THE CHEN TEH GIRLS' SCHOOL, SHENCHOW, CHINA

Standing, left to right—Mrs. Hang, teacher of calisthenics and some classes; Mr. Chang, secretary and teacher of civics; Mr. Ngo Kwan Sen, teacher of Chinese (Chen Teh's oldest staff member); Principal Yang Kwan Tao; Mr. Hsiu, teacher of Chinese; Mr. Wen Yao Yuin, Yale-in-China graduate, teacher of mathematics; Miss Yuin, Tao Yuan Normal graduate, Kindergarten teacher.

Seated—Miss Brown, teacher of music; Miss Wu Kan Tao, Fuh Siang graduate, 3rd grade teacher; Mrs. Wan, 1st grade teacher; Miss Hsiao, I-fang graduate, 4th grade teacher and teacher of drawing; Mrs. George Snyder, Mission Representative, treasurer, English teacher; Miss Yen, Central China College graduate, Dean of School; Miss Wu Hsio Chuin, Head of the Primary School; Miss Li, 2nd grade teacher.

I had reached mountain-guarded Yuanling facing its white pagoda high above the river. The next evening Miss Weil took me along to her English Bible class. The dean and several of the teachers were there; they are young and lovable—and really interested in hearing of what Christ can mean to American girls and fellows. Miss Weil suggested, as we sat about the long table, a kerosene lamp at either end, that I tell them a little of what I understood “becoming a Christian” meant. And it was a precious privilege to say to them that although growing up in a Christian home would not be enough, being a member of the church could not suffice, yet belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the One who died for my sins, and giving myself to Him had meant life for me, because “He that hath the Son hath life.”

And now I am home in Yungui, trying to adjust to our dialect and to continue learning to read and write characters. Pray for the Chenteh teachers, women and men, that their influence for Christ may be strong in the school. I know you will remember too the work here. Ask earnestly for Christians among the Miao.

Lovingly,

LUCILE HARTMAN.

Mission Band

THE themes for mission study in children's groups will be on “Missions and World Peace” and “Rural America.” The books on world peace are *BROKEN GUNS* (50 cents), by Eleanor Brainard, for juniors, and *SHIP EAST—SHIP WEST* (50 cents), by Elizabeth Lobingier, for primary groups. On rural America we recommend for juniors, *OUT IN THE COUNTRY* (50 cents), by Hazel Orton and *THE FRIENDLY FARMERS* (50 cents), by Elizabeth Harris and Gertrude Warner, for primary children. The packet, which contains very helpful material on the subject of world peace, will be 50 cents. A list of supplementary material is in the packet.

We Welcome the New Mission Bands

Ohio Synod—Kenton, Ohio, First Church. Organized by Miss Mildred Close with twelve charter members.

Potomac Synod—Landisburg, Pa., Trinity Church. Organized by Miss Gladys Jones with ten charter members.

Mission Study Books and Materials

(Continued from Page 196)

and *American Rural Life*,” by Benson Y. Landis. Paper 25c.

For young people Edwin E. White has written about the Southern highlanders and their present-day problems. His book is “*Highland Heritage*” and in it the task of the churches in rural America is vividly illustrated by what is happening as new highways and power lines are driven through the isolated valleys of the “horseback country.” Cloth \$1.00, paper 60c. The suggestions for youth groups using “*Highland Heritage*” is also by Dr. White, and is entitled “*Rural America Challenges Christian Youth*.” Paper 25c. “*Lifting Today Above Its Past*” by Grace McGavran is a study of life in the country places of America. Paper 35c.

For elementary grades these books of former years are available and should be widely used: “*Out in the Country*,” for juniors. Boards \$1.00, paper 50c. “*The Friendly Farmers*” is a unit of work for primary children. Boards \$1.00, paper 50c. Stories of rural life for primary boys and girls is priced at 75c cloth, and paper 25c.

Supplementary Material

Picture Maps, illustrated for coloring, 30x 50 inches: *Europe* (new title). *The World*, *The United States*, 50 cents each. *Wall Map of the Moslem World*, 60c; *Outline Maps of the Moslem World*, large size 25c; small size for individual use, 25c a dozen. *Rural Life Teaching Pictures*, 8 of them each 7x13 inches, 50c a set. *Picture Sheets, Farmers in Many Lands*, 25c; *Life in Moslem Lands*, 10c. *Posters of Moslem children*, 25c; *Cut-Out sheet of Moslem Types*, 10c; *Near East Painting Book*, 10c.

Plays: *Kasim*, depicts life in Persia. 5 men, 5 women, 1 hour, 25c. *Tara Finds the Door to Happiness*, portrays life of Moslem women and girls in India. 2 women, 7 girls, 2 boys, 30 minutes, 25c. *Black Tents* takes 20 minutes, using 4 boys and 3 girls, and gives a picture of life among the Bedouins in Syria, 25c.

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Prepared by MRS. EDWIN W. LENTZ

Instrumental Prelude: To be selected. Suited to the exuberance of a summer Sabbath morning.

Opening Hymn: "Summer Suns Are Glowing."

Leader: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold; it was very good.

Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth!

"The time of the singing of birds is come;

The voice of their music is heard in the land."

Leader: The appreciative soul of our shepherd psalmist is seen in many of the psalms. For our scripture lesson we will use his beautiful summer pastoral in the 104th Psalm beginning with verse 10 and concluding with verse 19. (Announce the names of the two persons who will read it responsively.)

Scripture: To be read responsively.

Prayer: Father in heaven, we thank Thee for Thy care. The world in which we live. Thou didst make good for us. Help us to live in harmony with Thy handwork. Keep us from despoiling the beauties of the natural world. Guide us to use aright the treasures Thou didst store for our food, clothing, houses, and all our other necessities and comforts. Help us to keep in mind:

"This is our Father's world,

Now closer to heaven bound,

For dear to God is the earth Christ trod—

No place but is holy ground." Amen.

Solo or a group of singers: "This Is My Father's World."

Leader: If a map of the world is available, call attention to three countries from which today's missionary messages have come—our Middle West (Wisconsin); China and India. Have someone read or tell—either the entire articles or excerpts—"Winnebago Indian Mission News," page 221. "A Letter from Lucile Hartman," page 225, and "More Than a Million Dollars for Leper Missions," page 218.

Closing Prayer by the Superintendent.

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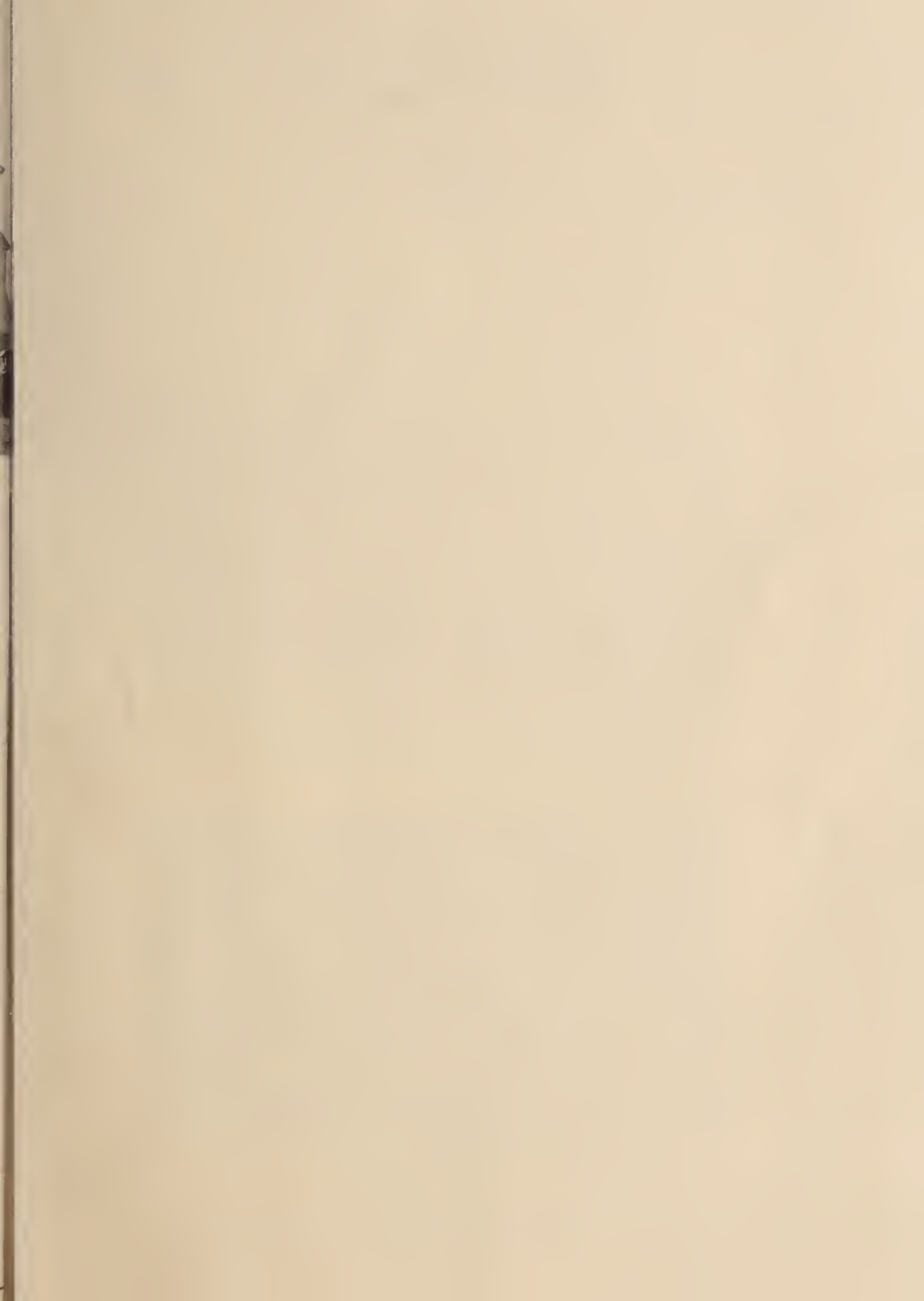
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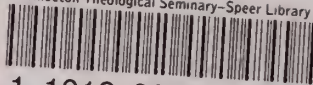
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